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14th Conference of the Prosecutors General of the Baltic Sea States in Helsinki 3 - 4 November 2010

Conclusions

At the invitation of the Prosecutor General of Finland, the Prosecutors General and other representatives of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, the Russian Federation and Sweden convened from 3 November until 4 November for their 14th conference. They discussed the future and the development of the cooperation between the Prosecutors General in the Baltic Sea Region and resolved on measures serving to intensify collaboration on criminal matters between the states in the Baltic Sea region.

The meeting of the Prosecutors General:

1. recalled the conclusions of the previous conference in Lübeck, Germany, in 2009
2. emphasized the need to raise the awareness of and expressed the concern about crime situation in the Baltic Sea region, especially about organized crime and criminal hubs, their connections to international organized crime and the invasion of the organized crime to legal business markets and their influence to these markets
3. discussed about intensifying their contribution to the work of the Baltic Sea Task Force (BSTF) and its Operative Committee (OPC)
4. expressed their understanding of no country in the Baltic Sea region being free from trafficking in human beings and it being one of the most significant threats in the field of border crossing organized crime in the Baltic Sea region
5. expressed the need in prosecution to tackle more efficiently trafficking in human beings and recalled the advantages of using joint investigation teams and resources of Interpol and Eurojust
6. took note of the efforts of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) Task Force in combatting trafficking in human beings in the Baltic Sea region
7. decided that the Network of Prosecutors on Environmental Crime (ENPRO) will continue its work and that the chairmanship shall be now handed from Finland to Germany

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8. considered noteworthy that the piracy is an increasing problem at international level and that the Baltic Sea region states have to be more aware of this, and bear the problem in mind when planning future cooperation
9. found useful to make a template for video conference request and decided to finalize the form after which to take it for full use
10. emphasized the great importance of the cooperation between the prosecutors in the Baltic Sea region
11. found important to prepare the future meetings of the Prosecutors General in a more organized and systematic way and decided to prepare the next meeting, led by Sweden, in an informal troikka-form which leaves every member state the possibility to participate in suggesting topics and other ideas for the content of the agenda and the procedure of the meetings. The leading presidency may summon former and coming presidency states to a preparatory meeting.
12. resolved that the 15th meeting of Prosecutors General of the Baltic Sea States will be hosted by Sweden