

## **The 17th Conference of Prosecutors General of the Member States of the Council of the Baltic Sea States**

### **CONCLUSIONS**

The representatives of prosecution agencies offices of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Norway, Poland and Sweden and also Mr. E.Brandt, President of the Network of Prosecutors on Environmental Crime in the Baltic Sea Region; Ms.V.Polatside, Senior Adviser and Head of the Task Force against Trafficking in Human Beings at the Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat; Ms.J.Hübner, Executive Director of the International Association of Prosecutors, arrived in the city of Svetlogorsk, the Kaliningrad Region, to take part in 17th Conference of Prosecutors General of the Council of the Baltic Sea States, at the invitation of the host of the event - the Prosecutor General's Office of the Russian Federation.

The Conference addressed the issue of the role of prosecutors in countering challenges and threats to security such as illegal migration, environmental crimes, as well as terrorism and the use of information and communication technologies for terrorist propaganda.

The Participants of the Conference,

Aware that uncontrolled illegal migration leads to rise in crime, aggravation and expansion of interethnic conflicts;

Recognizing the need for decisive suppression of the channels of illegal migration;

Agreeing that an unfavorable environment and climate change on the planet will have inevitable adverse effect on the lives and health of people, pose a threat to the well-being of the population and sustainable development;

Determined to protect the climate system for the present and future generations;

Commending the work carried out by the Network of Prosecutors on environmental crime in the Baltic Sea region;

Considering the commitment of Prosecution Services of various regions of the world to unite their efforts to build a society based on respect for environmental legislation, expressed, in particular, in the Declaration of the Prosecution Services of the BRICS and MERCOSUR Member States of 24 August 2017;

Noting the importance of implementing international agreements aimed at protection and integrity of the Planet ecosystem;

Recognizing that terrorism in all its forms and manifestations constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security;

Aware of the marked growth of threat posed by terrorism;

Noting with concern the use by terrorists of information and communication technologies, the Internet and social networks to spread terrorist ideas, justify violence and recruit supporters and foreign terrorist fighters;

Agreeing with the provisions of UN Security Council Resolution 2354 of 24 May 2017 on countering terrorist narratives;

Acknowledging the global nature of cyberthreats;

Proceeding from the importance of determining the strategy for joint actions of Prosecution Services of the Member States of the Council of the Baltic Sea States in view of the modern realities;

**recognized the importance of:**

- strengthening bilateral and multilateral cooperation in combating transnational crime based on the principles of strategic partnership, openness, solidarity, equality and mutual understanding;
- promoting interaction in the fight against terrorism and its funding; the use of information and communication technologies for criminal purposes; illegal migration; violations in the sphere of nature management, environmental crimes;
- sharing information, legislative and other normative legal acts, as well as methodological materials, training manuals and scientific publications in the relevant areas of the Prosecution Services;
- holding meetings of experts with a view to exchanging experience in combating illegal migration, terrorism, cybercrime, environmental crime;
- further participation in meetings, seminars at global and regional levels for wide dissemination of best practices to counteract these types of criminal activity;
- strengthening the interaction of the Council of the Baltic Sea States with universal organizations of prosecutors, including the International Association of Prosecutors, and with regional associations of prosecutors in order to ensure the rule of law, security and well-being of the population of the states of the Baltic Sea Region and the planet as a whole.

Pursuant to the decision of 15th Conference of the Prosecutors General of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (Stockholm, 15-16 February 2012), it was agreed that the 18th Conference would be held in Estonia.

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