CONCLUSIONS

16th Conference of the Prosecutors General of the Baltic Sea States in Copenhagen 23-24 April 2014

At the invitation of the Director of Public Prosecutions of Denmark, the Prosecutors General and other representatives of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia and Sweden convened from 23 April to 24 April 2014 for their 16th conference in Copenhagen.

They discussed co-operation between the Prosecutors General in the Baltic Sea States in crime areas of common concern and also administrative and strategic matters.

The meeting of the Prosecutors General:

1. Recalled the conclusions of the previous meeting in Stockholm, Sweden, in 2012.

2. Emphasized the importance of fighting organized crime by the efficient co-operation between the countries in the Baltic Sea Region within the framework of the Baltic Sea Task Force (BSTF) and its Operative Committee (OPC).

3. Took note of the recent operational results achieved by the Baltic Sea Task Force (BSTF) and its Operational Committee (OPC).
4. Took note of the efforts on asset recovery and underlined the importance of this issue to fight organized profit-driven crimes and of using all possibilities to recover assets and property from crime.

5. Emphasized the usefulness of information exchange on national rules and requirements for controlled deliveries and welcomed the German initiative to facilitate such an exchange.

6. Took note of the challenges connected to investigation and prosecution of cyber crime cases as this type of crime is becoming increasingly sophisticated. Further, the number of cyber attacks and other types of cyber crime is growing.

7. Discussed experiences and challenges on cyber crime between the Baltic Sea States and expressed the need of effective international co-operation.

8. Expressed the need for the prosecution services to be more aware of the need to develop special competences in the area of cyber crime and to closely cooperate with the police in these matters.

9. Stressed the benefits of reforming prosecution services.

10. Discussed organizational, administrative and professional changes due to the various reforms in the Baltic Sea States and recognized the value of sharing experience on administrative and strategic topics between Prosecutors General.

11. Emphasized the great importance of the co-operation between prosecutors in the Baltic Sea region.

12. Took note of the decision on a model for the future conferences, stipulating that the conferences are to be arranged every second year in the following order: Russia, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Sweden and Denmark.

13. Welcome the invitation of the Russian Federation to host the 17th conference in 2016.