Conclusions
18th Conference of the Prosecutors General and Directors of Public Prosecution of the Baltic Sea States
2 October until 4 October 2019, in Tallinn

At the invitation of the Estonian Prosecutor General Lavly Perling, the Prosecutor Generals and other representatives of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, the Russian Federation, Sweden and the representatives of the Network of Prosecutors on Environmental Crime in the Baltic Sea Region (ENPRO) in the person of President Dr. Ewald Brandt, convened in the 18th Conference of the Prosecutors General and Directors of Public Prosecution of the Baltic Sea States from 2 October until 4 October 2019, in Tallinn, Estonia.

The conference addressed the issue of cross-border co-operation in criminal cases, especially in combat against money laundering and cybercrime, but also fighting mobile organised property criminality and organised crime and the problems of handling crime against environment.

The meeting of the Prosecutors General:

1. Recalled the conclusions of the previous meeting in Svetlogorsk, the Russian Federation, in 2017.

2. Acknowledged the value of our common secure environment and the cooperation of Prosecution authorities.

3. Discussed the measures against money laundering. Organised crime groups inject their assets into the legal economy through different money laundering schemes. It involves cooperation between banks and the state; big data and development of technology; international cooperation as combat against money laundering is one of the priorities both on world level and the CBSS region.
4. Discussed experiences and challenges on cybercrime and money laundering, incl. financial and economic crimes, between the Baltic Sea States and expressed the need of effective international cooperation. Cybercrime is progressing fast globally, online criminality is extending fast by using new trends and technologies. Prosecution authorities and police must join forces internationally and keep abreast with new technologies, to understand the nature of cybercrime and possibilities they create simultaneously for criminals and law enforcement bodies. Raising of awareness of IT-users is inevitable, national legislation and rapid exchange of intelligence between international counterparts of the Baltic Sea States and their national contact points must support fight against this kind of international criminality.

5. Listened and discussed the presentation of the President of the ENPRO network as environmental issues are becoming ever more important. Environmental crimes that compromise our daily living environment in the Baltic Sea region affect all humans and habitats living here, but are also closely linked and have global nature. It was proposed to continue work of the expert group ENPRO; to market the work of ENPRO network among prosecutors and to get use of its work, incl. manuals, its contact points, etc., in the field of police services and prosecution services. It is extremely important to continue cooperation and mutual exchange of information of Prosecution authorities with ENPRO contact points, specialized LEAs, incl. Europol, who are working in this field.

6. Property crime as an organised crime area can have significant cross-border impact. Mobile organised crime groups (MOCGs) are active in many crime areas, are moving quickly across borders. Cooperation between countries is crucial to identify and capture these groups, and also networks behind the groups. It is important to exchange data, experience and practices of the Prosecution authorities and LEAs in this field continuously.

7. Suggested topics and themes for the future conferences: digital issues, topics on environmental crimes, financial and economic criminality, money laundering.

8. It was agreed that according to the Conclusions of the 18th Conference held in Tallinn in 2019, the 19th Conference of the Prosecutors General or the Directors of Public Prosecution will be hosted by Finland in 2021.