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DECLARATION ON THE BALTIC STATES

The Community and its member States warmly welcome the restoration of the sovereignty and independence of the Baltic States which they lost in 1940. They have consistently regarded the democratically elected parliaments and governments of these states as the legitimate representatives of the Baltic peoples. They call for open and constructive negotiations between the Baltic States and the Soviet Union to settle outstanding issues between them.

It is now time, after more than fifty years, that these States resume their rightful place among the Nations of Europe. Therefore, the Community and its member States confirm their decision to establish diplomatic relations with the Baltic States without delay. Implementing measures will be taken by member States individually.

The Community and its member States look forward to the early membership and participation of the Baltic States in all relevant international organisations, such as the United Nations, CSCE and the Council of Europe.

The Community and its member States underline their commitment to support the Baltic States in their economic and political development. The Commission will explore all avenues for economic cooperation between the Community and the Baltic States and will put forward early proposals to that effect.

The Community and its member States extend a cordial invitation to the Foreign Ministers of the Baltic States to attend their next meeting early September.

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