



Conclusions of the Second Conference of Ministers for Spatial Planning and Development

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The Ministers:

1. welcome the interim and theme group reports on "Vision and Strategies around the Baltic 2010", these being an important step towards a coherent spatial development around the Baltic Sea
2. express their thanks to all countries having given support to the initiative
3. deliberate that the common work shall continue
4. recommend to prepare a joint comprehensive report in the second phase to be presented to the third Ministerial Conference in autumn 1994
5. repeat that spatial planning is the responsibility of each country in a democratic process, enhancing at the same time co-operation between nations and regions
6. urge the group of focal points to prepare an estimate for budgetary requirements for the second phase of the project and to find possible ways of financing
7. recommend that the report include elaborated analyses, clarified visions and strategies, and suggestions for possible common actions
8. recommend that the report consider the spatial consequences of other initiatives in the Baltic Sea area
9. propose that during the second phase common work shall be directed towards priority measures of common interest to support the implementation of spatial development guidelines
10. recommend that the work for the final document be based on a close concertation with governmental and non-governmental organisations, national and international
11. appreciate the interest shown by the Council of the Baltic Sea States towards the ongoing work and seek its further support
12. recommend to seek co-ordination between the European Union's work on spatial development guidelines and on the new document "Europe 2000+", and "Vision and Strategies around the Baltic 2010"
13. recommend that national governments take results of common work on spatial vision and strategies around the Baltic Sea into consideration within their national development plans and infrastructure projects
14. recommend a continuation of support to spatial planning authorities in transition countries
15. recommend that key areas and planning projects of common interest be identified where common experience could be useful for vision and strategies (e.g. cross-border planning, Geographical Information System as a tool for spatial planning, environmental impact assessment for major projects)
16. appreciate the invitation from the Estonian Ministry of Environment for the third Ministerial Conference to take place in Tallinn, and the State Committee on Architecture and Construction of Belarus to host a Group of Focal Points meeting in Minsk.