



**Statement of the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly
on the so-called “Treaty on Alliance and Integration”
between the Russian Federation and
Georgia’s breakaway region of Tskhinvali/ South Ossetia**

The Baltic Assembly does not recognise the so-called “Treaty on Alliance and Integration” signed between the Russian Federation and the Tskhinvali/South Ossetia region of Georgia on 18 March 2015. The signature of the so-called “Treaty on Alliance and Integration” contradicts ongoing efforts to strengthen security and stability in the region and will only complicate regional peace-building efforts.

The Baltic Assembly has repeatedly emphasised that this so-called “treaty” and previous agreements signed between the Russian Federation and the two Georgian breakaway regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali/South Ossetia clearly violate principles of international law and international commitments assumed by the Russian Federation.

The Baltic Assembly does not recognise the legitimacy of the so-called “treaty” and remains firm in its full support for the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia within its internationally recognised borders.

The Baltic Assembly calls on the Russian Federation to fulfil its obligations under the ceasefire agreement of 12 August 2008 along with its subsequent implementing measures of 8 September 2008, including constructive participation in the International Geneva Discussions process and free access of the EUMM to the Georgian regions of Abkhazia and the Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia. We also reiterate the call for unhindered access for humanitarian organisations to these regions.

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