

JOINT STATEMENT
of the Council of the Interparliamentary Assembly
of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States
and the Presidium of the Nordic Council

On 17 June 2003 in the period of festivities dedicated to the tercentenary of Saint Petersburg in Tavrichesky Palace there has taken place a meeting of the Chairman of the Council of the Interparliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States and the President of the Nordic Council. The leaders of the given international organizations

expressing their common desire to promote the parliamentary democracy, rule of law and human rights and development of the inter-parliamentary dialogue, considering the decennial cooperation successfully developing between these inter-parliamentary institutions,

realizing the responsibility for keeping the peace and stability in the Northern Europe and more extensive Eurasian space,

recognizing the necessity to strengthen mutual cooperation in countering terrorism and other challenges and threats, which were brought by the XXIst century,

have stated:

- the importance to strengthen mutual cooperation under intensification of economic and legal integration between the countries of the Northern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States based on generally accepted rules and principles of the international law;
- the necessity for a regular exchange in information on prioritized lines of activities and coordination of efforts for further interaction;
- the possibility to launch the practice of regular consultations, exchange of views, documents, databases and publications as well as holding of joint conferences, seminars, symposiums on the matters, which are of mutual interest.

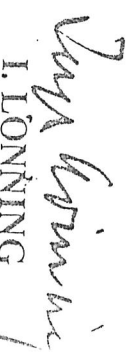
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Interparliamentary Assembly
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