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Dear Ministers,

On behalf of the Baltic Assembly, we would like to express our assurances of highest consideration to the Baltic Council of Ministers.

On 15-16 January 2026, the joint meeting of the Education, Science and Culture Committee and the Security and Defence Committee of the Baltic Assembly was held in Tartu. The parliamentarians, governmental representatives and experts discussed ways to **enhance military and defence research and education cooperation among the Baltic States**, highlighting the important role of the proposal of the Baltic Assembly to establish a Baltic Science Fund. Experts and government representatives from the defence sector supported the idea of a Baltic Science Fund and its initial focus on defence research.

During the meeting, we also assessed the **implementation of the recommendations** of the Baltic Assembly and concluded that, in several cases lack of progress can be observed. We recommended that the governments improve the procedures of the Baltic States regarding providing humanitarian aid, and also develop a solution for accepting humanitarian aid in the region. The answers of the Baltic Council of Ministers received in August 2025 indicate that the Baltic States have worked to improve the provision and acceptance of humanitarian assistance; however, a regional solution has not been found.

We consider that regional approaches are of particular importance in the field of civil protection; therefore, we would like to receive answers to the following **questions**:

- What has prevented or disrupted the implementation of the recommendation?
- What are the main obstacles to cooperation in this area?
- What are the plans for the governments to move towards a more regional approach regarding providing and accepting humanitarian aid?

We would also welcome an **update on the status of implementation of the following recommendations** in the area of defence cooperation:

- to create a joint civil defence mechanism for the Baltic States that includes practical planning and cross-border cooperation among the municipalities in the Baltic States.

We would highly appreciate receiving clear and detailed answers to the aforementioned questions and an update on the implementation of the recommendations by **18 May 2026**.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

Sincerely,

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