

P R O T O C O L

On Consultations between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria, hereafter called "The Parties",

Guided by their desire to contribute to the promotion of the friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries in conformity with the principles of the UN Charter, the Helsinki Final Act, the Paris Charter of New Europe and the other instruments of the Conference on security and cooperation in Europe,

Highly appreciating the role of the political dialogue and consultations at various levels between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs with regard to matters of mutual interest in conditions of the deep positive changes taking place in the two countries, in Europe and the world at large,

Agreed on the following:

1. The Parties shall hold consultations on all matters concerning Lithuanian - Bulgarian relations, the establishment and development of their contractual and legal basis in various areas as well as on major and topical international, All-European and other matters of mutual concern.

2. The Parties shall inform each other in an appropriate manner on major aspects of their domestic and foreign policy, on their stands of fundamental international and regional questions and, above all, on all matters relating to All-European security and the integration processes in Europe.

3. The Parties shall devote special attention to cooperation, consultations and the exchange of information within the framework of the UN, other international organisations, and international forums at European or world level.

4. The meetings between the two countries' Foreign Ministers or their duly authorized representatives shall be held at least once a year in either country on a reciprocal basis, as well as during the sessions of the UN General Assembly.

The Parties shall conduct consultations between the respective departments or sections of the two ministries.

The level, agenda, time and place of the consultations shall be determined in advance by mutual agreement and in observance of the principle of succession.

5. Cooperation between the Parties in third countries shall be at the level of their diplomatic and consular missions in the said countries.

6. Within their powers and possibilities, the Parties shall work for the establishment and promotion of direct contact between the foreign-policy research institutions of the two countries and their trade, economic and cultural structures.

7. This Protocol enters into force on the day of its signature and shall be valid for two years. It shall be extended automatically for another two years, unless either Party has given the other at least three-month advance notice of its desire to terminate its validity.

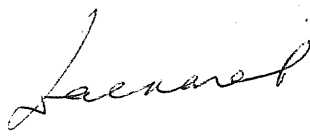
8. This Protocol was made into two copies, each in English, with both copies having equal force.

Signed in Vienna on 9 October 1993.

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