

# **EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT OF THE LIELUPE RIVER BASIN**

The Contracting Parties,

the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development  
of the Republic of Latvia,

and

the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania,

AWARE of the considerable pollution of the waters of the Lielupe River  
Basin;

MINDFUL of the interrelationships between surface and groundwater,  
between upstream and downstream users and conditions, and between  
inland and coastal waters as well as marine waters of the Baltic Sea;

ACKNOWLEDGING the importance of the flow and the quality of the  
water resource for household and industrial supply, for recreational  
purposes, and for upholding natural values and diversity of species;

ENDORISING the provision and principles of the 1992 Convention on  
the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area, in  
particular Article 6, Paragraph 4;

RECOGNIZING the need for a comprehensive and effective  
management system;

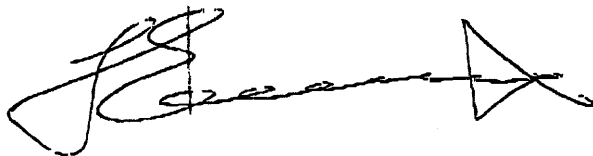
APPROVING of the role of the Lielupe River Basin as a pilot area for  
implementation of river basin management, from which the favorable  
experiences may be applied to the management of other river basins  
within the Baltic Sea area;

AFFIRMING the ultimate goal of establishing a convention on  
environmental management of the Lielupe River Basin;

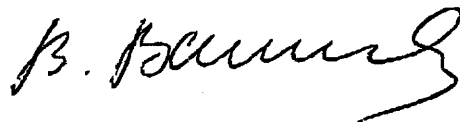
HAVE AGREED that the Agreement on Environmental Management of the Lielupe River Basin which was signed by the Contracting Parties of Latvia and Lithuania on May 25, 1993, and was amended by the July 6, 1994 Letter of Agreement between the Contracting Parties will continue to be valid and the mandate of the organs as established for its implementation expire December 31, 1997. At the termination of this Agreement the Contracting Parties may sign a permanent agreement elaborated on during the Project period.

Done on July 21, 1995 in the English language.

For the Republic of Latvia

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'J' followed by a long horizontal stroke that ends in a sharp, upward-pointing triangle.

For the Republic of Lithuania

A handwritten signature in black ink, starting with a large 'B.' followed by a series of loops and a long, sweeping tail that ends in a hook.