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LITHUANIA: PARLIAMENTARY RESOLUTION ON INDEPENDENCE AND  
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

SUMMARY

1. ALL PARTY PARLIAMENTARY RESOLUTION CONFIRMING VALIDITY OF 1922 RECOGNITION OF INDEPENDENCE.
2. THE FOLLOWING PARLIAMENTARY RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE ICELANDIC ALTHING ON 11 FEBRUARY:  
QUOTE THE ALTHINGI RESOLVES TO CONFIRM THAT THE RECOGNITION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ICELAND IN 1922 OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA IS FULLY VALID.  
THE ALTHINGI SUPPORTS THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION FROM JANUARY 23 1991, TO AGREE TO THE REQUEST OF THE DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED AUTHORITIES IN LITHUANIA TO INITIATE TALKS CONCERNING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.  
THE ALTHINGI CALLS UPON THE GOVERNMENT TO BRING THIS ISSUE TO A CONCLUSION BY ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH LITHUANIA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. UNQUOTE

COMMENT

3. THE RESOLUTION, AGREED BY THE CHAIRMEN OF ALL POLITICAL PARTIES IN THE ALTHING, IS NOT BINDING ON THE ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT. THE PRIME INTENTION IS TO REMOVE THE DEBATE ON LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE FROM NATIONAL POLITICS BY SIDE STEPPING THE ISSUE OF RECOGNITION. IT LEAVES THE QUESTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS TO THE FUTURE INDEFINITE.

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