



Hamburg, 15 November 2021

## Statement of the BSPC Standing Committee

*The participants, elected representatives from the Baltic Sea Region States, assembling in Hamburg on 15 November 2021, adopted the following statement:*

The Standing Committee of the BSPC,

*in view* of the rapidly deteriorating humanitarian situation at the border of Poland and Lithuania with Belarus

*referring to* the various resolutions of the Security Council of the United Nations that condemn any form of human trafficking in the strongest possible term,

*voices* its deep concerns about the insufficient access for humanitarian organisations to provide basic humanitarian services to refugees and migrants;

*strongly demands* of the Belarusian authorities to allow full access to humanitarian organisations to provide food, shelter and medical assistance to those refugees and migrants suffering at the border;

*requests* the countries in the region to fully cooperate in and contribute to stopping the practice of organised human trafficking to the BSPC member states and further

*urges* all countries and international institutions to act responsibly, minimising human suffering.