



Vilnius, 16th August 2016

Dear Esa Mohamed, UIA President,

Dear Thomas Vonier FAIA RIBA, UIA Secretary General,

Dear Council Members of UIA,

Baltic Association of Unions of Architects (BAUA) welcomes and urges changes in UIA's working methods and the structure of the organization.

During different recent meetings of Region II BAUA representatives had expressed suggestions to improve UIA's work creating different cooperation levels between the Member States. BAUA believes that while managing global issues, UIA must work better on regional-sectional level. The successful experience of cooperation between Baltic countries suggests that ongoing realistic planning and determined realization of common projects are the key words for successful and beneficial cooperation.

Also during the same meeting BAUA proposed to start discussions about restructuring UIA in order to create groups of Member States, based not on an outdated post-war global structure, but on today's cultural, economic relations and topics that unite different Member States.

Therefore BAUA would welcome changes in UIA if they are orientated towards the better **efficiency** of the UIA.

BAUA's suggestions:

- to clearly set **aims, main action areas and benefits of UIA**. BAUA sees UIA as an organization that has a unique potential in these fields:

- a) architectural education (exchange);
- b) exchange of architectural services and architectural culture at a **global** level;
- c) providing expertise (using the global network of highest-level professionals for competitions, awards juries etc.)
- d) promoting quality architecture: architectural events (travelling exhibitions; lectures; coordination of various local architectural festivals etc.)

- establish the new **structure** (sections) of UIA **based on cultural relations**;

- enhance **sustainability of the management at a "regional" level** (e.g. Nordic-Baltic countries section)

- improve **communication** between the countries, the sections and the UIA+outside

- **BAUA would see itself as a part of Nordic-Baltic sea section** (encourage projects, exchanges and collaboration with Scandinavian countries);

- however, BAUA is also interested in having collaborations with other neighbouring countries that share common historical-cultural relations: Poland, Germany, Belarus, Russia, etc.

BAUA believes those suggestions could help to establish a sustainable UIA's structure paving a way for a long-term, intensive collaboration between the Members and enhanced authority of the UIA at a global level.

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