

Yesterday, President Toomas Hendrik Ilves signed a resolution, which designates Andrus Ansip, the Chairman of the Reform Party, which received the most votes in the Riigikogu elections, as the candidate for Prime Minister and gives him the assignment of forming a new Government.

At the subsequent meeting with Andrus Ansip, the Head of State said that he believes in the birth of a good Government.

“I hope to see a Government which is characterized by internal unanimity and team spirit. A Government, where the outwardly directed glance is characterized by objectivity, openness, parliamentary principles and respect for the nature of civil society,” said President Ilves.

“It is important that the Government being created understand the concerns of Estonia as a country and Estonia as a people and provide them with good solutions.”

Andrus Ansip said that on Wednesday he wishes to appear before the Riigikogu with a presentation on the bases for the formation of the future Government. Thereafter, he will return to Kadriorg, so that the President of the Republic can appoint the new Government, which would give its oath of office in parliament on the morning of April 5th.

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