

On September 19th, the President of the Republic signed a resolution whereby he approved amendments to the statutes of the Foundation for Public Understanding. With the proposal of the Supervisory Board of the Foundation and approval of the President of the Republic as the founder of the Foundation, the Foundation will hereafter be called the Estonian Cooperation Chamber.

In connection with the renewal of the social contract process and the reorganization of the Foundation, President Ilves appointed a new Supervisory Board in June. The members of the Supervisory Board are academician Ain-Elmar Kaasik, Vice-President of the Estonian Academy of Sciences; professor Andres Keevallik, Vice-Rector for Development of the Tallinn University of Technology; Anna Levandi, Head Coach of Estonia's National Figure Skating Team; Bishop Einar Soone, President of the Estonian Council of Churches; well-known businessman and consultant Raivo Vare; Professor Rein Veidemann of Tallinn University; Urmas Sutrop, Professor at the University of Tartu and Director of the Estonian Language Institute; and entrepreneur Olari Taal.

According to the President, I totally support the proposals of the new Supervisory Board to update the social contract process.

The Supervisory Board approved the statutory amendments at its meeting on September 11th and presented them to the President for approval.

The Social Contract is a cooperation network of non-governmental organizations interested in Estonia's long-term development, with the objective of bringing forth, discussing, and coordinating the positions of the parties, and based thereon, developing assessments and proposals in key issues regarding the country's future. The primary topics under consideration are the health, education, social security, and regional development of our nation.

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