Yesterday in Kadriorg, President Toomas Hendrik Ilves received Silvia Berti, the Ambassador of the Republic of San Marino, who presented his credentials to the Head of State.

President Ilves expressed his delight that San Marino has decided to accredit an ambassador to Estonia. He said this will certainly promote the development of relations between the two countries and help to intensify cooperation in the area of tourism, which is an important economic sector for both countries. "Estonia also wishes to assign an ambassador to San Marino," the Head of State affirmed.

At the meeting between President IIves and Ambassador Berti, the common interests of Estonia and San Marino were also discussed, as well as opportunities for cooperation in international organizations.

Estonia concluded diplomatic relations with San Marino in July 2003, but the countries had yet to exchange ambassadors. San Marino, with a population of slightly over 30,000, has one of the highest GDPs in Europe. Ambassador Berti resides in San Marino.

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