President Toomas Hendrik Ilves met yesterday with U.S. Undersecretary of State for political affairs Daniel Fried, who is on a visit to Estonia.

At the meeting, the security situation in Europe after the Russian-Georgian war was discussed along with the role of NATO in the changed situation.

"Estonia does not doubt that NATO as an organisation and obligations based on Article 5 will function," the Estonian Head of State said.

President Ilves and Undersecretary Fried considered it important to provide vigorous assistance to Georgia that will enable Georgia to become a more democratic and stronger country than it was before Russia's aggression.

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