

President Toomas Hendrik Ilves sent congratulations on behalf of himself and the people of Estonia to Barack Obama on being elected as the new President of the United States of America.

"I look forward to further strengthening our two countries' already strong bi-lateral relations in the challenging years ahead of us and greatly appreciate, along with all Estonians, the support you offered us during the Presidential debates," President Ilves wrote.

"You can count on me and the Government of Estonia to be a trustworthy partner in reinforcing relations between the European Union and the United States," he added.

"As NATO allies, we look forward to your Presidency to work together to make the trans-atlantic bond even stronger."

According to President Ilves, Estonia is deeply grateful to the United States for its role in defending and furthering the cause of freedom and democracy in the world.

"I am convinced that under your leadership as President, we, Europe and the United States, can tackle and resolve the economic and security challenges of our time."

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