

President Toomas Hendrik Ilves has met with several top foreign politicians that have arrived in Tallinn for the international Lennart Meri Conference on Foreign and Security Policy.

Thus, at a meeting with Georgia's Deputy Foreign Minister Giorgi Bokeria and Deputy Defence Minister Giorgi Muchaidze, the Head of State discussed the situation in Georgia and the future Euro-Atlantic integration of the country.

"We support the territorial integrity of Georgia just as surely as we support the perpetuation and continuation of Georgia's democratic reforms," affirmed President Ilves.

He said that the Georgian authorities and the opposition must now understand that they are both responsible for the future development of the country.

"The stability of Georgia depends equally on the steps taken by the government and the opposition, especially during economic and political crises and on the eve of the opposition demonstration planned for April 9," stressed the Estonian Head of State. "Do not allow third powers to take advantage of Georgia's internal tensions. I also confirm that Estonia condemns any outside attempts to influence Georgia's domestic and foreign policy choices."

At today's meeting between President Ilves and Portuguese Foreign Minister Luis Amado, the discussions focused on developments in the European Union and the future of the Community. The importance of transatlantic relations was also stressed.

The Estonian Head of State and Portuguese Foreign Minister declared that the two countries have similar views on many international problems and significant common interests. Both felt that relations between Estonia and Portugal should be intensified.

President Ilves has also spoken with other participants at the Lennart Meri Conference including Elmar Brok, Chairman of the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs, Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt, and several recognised foreign and security policy experts.

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