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“I sincerely hope that your identity as an Estonian citizen will bring you all joy and give you a sense of belonging that does not depend on nationality and does not differentiate us by native language,” the Head of State said.

According to President Ilves, Estonia is a family of open and benevolent people. “You have become a member of that family today, a member who has a say, whose concerns count, and who is responsible that this family – our Estonian state – lasts over time.”

Citizenship certificates were presented today to 129 new Estonian citizens of Tallinn and the Harju area.

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