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“It seems that from this distance targets looks clearer,” added the Head of State, in mentioning the names of Mr. Ardo Hansson, one of the architects of economic reform, the current Ambassador of Estonia to Germany, Mr. Märt Laanemäe, and Mr. Toivo Klaar, the Head of the European Commission Representation in Estonia, among those who have helped rebuilt Estonia.

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