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As the Danish Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2001-2010, Minister Møller was committed to supporting the European Union and NATO accession policies on behalf of Estonia and the other Baltic states, and he contributed to the successful completion of both accession processes.

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The Head of State also acknowledged the book published by minister Møller in 1990 – Historien om Estland, Letland og Litauen – which helped to clarify the history and ambitions of the Baltic states at a time when very few were willing to take such an approach.

The President awarded Møller with Class I Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana on 3rd February 2010 with his respective resolution.

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