

I welcome the signing of the border treaties between Estonia and Russia. A border agreement between neighbouring countries is something normal and self-evident in the European Union. Thus it is also normal that the consultations between Estonia and Russia, which were conducted in a professional and reasonable manner, were concluded today with the signatures of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs on the border treaties.

I hope that the ratification of the border treaties by the parliaments of Estonia and Russia will be a quick and seamless process.

The border treaties between Estonia and Russia correspond to the letter and spirit of our Constitution and will not affect the legal continuity of the Republic of Estonia. Section 122 of our Constitution clearly states: the land border of Estonia is determined by Tartu Peace Treaty of 2 February 1920 and other international border agreements.