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**Agreement on economic cooperation and assistance. Signed
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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE

The Government of the Republic of Finland and the Government of the Republic of Estonia,

desiring to strengthen the close and friendly relations between the two neighbouring countries;

recalling traditional trade and economic links between Finland and Estonia and taking into account their respective levels of economic development;

taking into consideration the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe,² the Paris Charter,³ and in particular the principles contained in the final document of the Bonn Conference on Economic Cooperation in Europe;⁴

desiring to support the national efforts of Estonia in promoting economic development and democratic and social progress;

convinced that closer economic cooperation between Finland and Estonia will increase significantly the possibilities to develop economic interchange and cooperation in all sectors of their national economies

have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Contracting Parties endeavour to encourage and develop cooperation between Finland and Estonia in all sectors of economic, social and cultural activities aiming to promote Estonia's harmonious and balanced development taking into account the interests of both Contracting Parties.

Article 2

The cooperation shall cover the following fields in particular: environment, utilisation of natural resources, agriculture, food production, transport and telecommunications, privatisation and restructuring of industry, development of banking and financial systems, health care, social security, development of administrative systems, labour policies, education and re-

search. Cooperation in other fields can mutually be agreed upon in accordance with Article 4.

Cooperation may comprise studies, research, technical assistance, preparation and implementation of projects, training, establishment of joint ventures as well as other forms of cooperation determined in joint programmes to be established in accordance with Article 4.

Article 3

The Contracting Parties shall nominate according to their own procedures a coordinating authority to facilitate the preparation of joint programmes.

The authorities of both Contracting Parties may, in implementing the cooperation programmes be in direct contact with the respective authorities of the other Contracting Party provided such cooperation conforms to their own legislation.

Article 4

The Contracting Parties shall meet annually in the Finnish-Estonian Cooperation Group to approve the joint cooperation programmes, and to review the implementation of the existing cooperation including sectoral programmes and protocols. Both Contracting Parties shall appoint the members of their own side of the Cooperation Group and each party will inform the other thereof within 30 days after the Agreement has entered into force.

Article 5

The Contracting Parties shall be jointly responsible for the implementation of the joint cooperation programmes based on this Agreement. The Government of the Republic of Finland shall participate in financing the costs of cooperation within the appropriations reserved for this purpose in the budget each fiscal year. The Government of the Republic of Estonia shall support in every way the implementation of the joint cooperation programmes

¹ Came into force on 16 September 1993, i.e., 30 days after the Contracting Parties had notified each other (on 17 August 1993) of the completion of the legal requirements, in accordance with article 6.

² *International Legal Materials*, vol. 14 (1975), p. 1292 (American Society of International Law).

³ United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session*, document A/45/859, p. 3.

⁴ *International Legal Materials*, vol. XXIX, No. 4 (1990), p. 1054 (American Society of International Law).

and improve the preconditions set for cooperation under this Agreement taking into account its international agreements and obligations.

Financing of the projects will be separately agreed upon.

The Finnish technical assistance personnel, the projects based on this Agreement and the Finnish staff employed in such projects, as well as deliveries and services financed from the appropriations reserved in the Finnish state budget for the purpose shall receive a treatment regarding exemption from taxes, customs and other fees according to Estonian tax legislation and as agreed by bilateral agreements concerning taxation between the two countries.

Article 6

This Agreement shall enter into force thirty days after the date on which the Contracting Parties have notified each other that the legal requirements for the entry into force have been fulfilled.

This Agreement shall remain in force until terminated by one of the Parties by a written notice.

Termination of the Agreement shall not affect any project entered into in respect of the Agreement, and said projects shall be completed as agreed.

Done at Tallinn on June 22, 1993 in two original copies in the English language.

For the Government
of the Republic of Finland:

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