



*Välisminister
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Republic of Estonia*

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Excellency,

As a member of the United Nations since 1991 and party to all major international treaties prohibiting weapons of mass destruction, Estonia shares the concerns and expectations of the international community regarding disarmament and is willing and ready to assume its share of responsibility for international peace and security.

By this letter, I would like to apply for Estonia's membership in the Conference on Disarmament.

I need not repeat how much we are all concerned about and dissatisfied with the present situation at the Conference. We hope that your efforts, Excellency, will contribute to resolving the present impasse in the nearest future and that the Conference will soon be able to start substantive negotiations on important issues leading to concrete and positive results. Among other things, the procedure for the enlargement of the Conference's membership should be taken under review.

His Excellency Mr. Camilo Reyes Rodríguez
President
Conference on Disarmament
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The Conference on Disarmament can be proud of the many outstanding achievements it has reached in the past and should continue to play a central role in the global disarmament processes. My Government is willing to contribute substantially to its deliberations.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Luik', written in a cursive style.

Jüri Luik

Minister of Defence
Acting Foreign Minister