

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement on the procedure to be followed in the
modification of the limits of the territorial waters in the Gulf of Finland
6 April and 4 May 1994**

**The Embassy of Estonia in Helsinki
to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland**

Helsinki, 6 April 1993

The Embassy of Estonia in Helsinki presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland and respectfully informs it that the Republic of Estonia intends to increase the width of its territorial waters by 12 nautical miles by 9 April 1993. The outer boundary of Estonian territorial waters would then extend at certain points to the centre line of the Gulf of Finland. If Finland were also to extend its own territorial waters by 12 nautical miles, the international channel in the Gulf of Finland would be completely closed.

In order to maintain free passage through the Gulf of Finland, the Republic of Estonia is prepared to limit the width of its territorial waters in the Gulf of Finland so that it extends no closer than 3 nautical miles from the centre line.

This is presuming that Finland, for its part, is prepared to limit the width of its own territorial waters correspondingly.

If the Republic of Estonia decides at a later stage to depart from the aforementioned and expand its territorial waters in the Gulf of Finland, it will inform Finland no less than 12 months in advance. This is presuming that Finland is also prepared correspondingly to inform Estonia of any possible expansion of territorial waters.

Should the aforementioned be found satisfactory to the Government of Finland, this note and its reply shall constitute an Agreement regarding this subject.

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**The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland
to the Embassy of Estonia in Helsinki**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of Estonia in Helsinki and respectfully acknowledges receipt of the note dated 6 April 1993 from the Embassy, which reads as follows:

[See note I]

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honour to state that the Government of Finland has, on its own behalf, accepted the proposal. Consequently, the note from the Embassy and this reply shall constitute an Agreement, which shall enter into force 30 days from the date on which both Contracting Parties have informed the other that they accept this Agreement.

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