

**Protocol to the Agreement between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia on the Maritime Delimitation in the Gulf of Riga, the Strait of Irbe and the Baltic Sea (12 July 1996), between the Prime Minister of the Republic of Estonia and the Minister President of the Republic of Latvia,  
12 July 1996**

The Prime Minister of the Republic of Estonia, Mr. Tiit Vahi, and the Minister President of Latvia, Mr. Andris Skele, *Taking into account* that the Agreement between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia on the maritime delimitation in the Gulf of Riga, the Strait of Irbe and the Baltic Sea was signed on 12 July 1996,

*Realizing that* due to the delimitation the two buoys on the far water at the entrance into the Strait of Irbe which are the property of the Republic of Latvia now are situated in the waters of the Republic of Estonia,

*Desiring* to settle the issue of ownership, maintenance and the service of the buoys mentioned above,

*Have agreed* as follows:

1. Not later than one year after the Agreement between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia on the delimitation of the maritime boundary in the Gulf of Riga, the Strait of Irbe and the Baltic Sea has entered into force, the Republic of Estonia shall undertake all duties relating to the maintenance of the buoys, the geographical coordinates of which are:

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| 1. | 57° 51'02.32" N | 21° 37' 04.47" E |
| 2. | 57° 47'29.31" N | 21° 42' 07.48" E |

2. The transfer of ownership of the buoys mentioned above shall be settled by the relevant authorities of the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia.

3. Until the transfer of ownership and duties takes place, the maintenance of the buoys mentioned above shall be performed by the Republic of Latvia.

DONE at Tallinn, 12 July 1996.

Andris Skele  
The Minister President of  
the Republic of Latvia

Tiit Vähi  
The Prime Minister of  
the Republic of Estonia