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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

TREATY¹ CONCERNING THE RESTORATION OF THE STATE BORDER BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

Whereas until 16 June 1940 there existed between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia an internationally recognized state border that has been established by the Convention of 19 October 1920² and demarcated (naturalized) in the years 1921-1922, the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia (hereafter referred to as the two Parties), taking into account the will of the peoples of the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia and wishing to affirm their political and state sovereignty and international legal recognition and to maintain friendly relations with each other as well as with nations of the Baltic region and the entire world, have agreed as follows:

Article I

To restore, together with its consequences, the state border that existed between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia until 16 June 1940. To base this restoration on treaties and other legal agreements concluded between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia in the 1920s and 1930s.

Article II

The goals of restoring the state border between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia are the maintenance and development of good-neighbourly relations and independent economic, cultural, and scientific development.

Article III

To establish, at a time to be determined by the Governments of the two Parties, border control and customs stations along highways that intersect the state border between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia, as well as at the Valga and Mõisaküla railway stations.

The Governments of the Republics of Estonia and Latvia may decide to establish new border control and customs stations in order to expedite traffic between the two countries.

Article IV

The customs and border control services of the two Parties may execute joint inspections, at border control and customs stations as well as in passenger trains, of persons and vehicles crossing the state border between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia. The two Parties will determine separately the protocol for carrying out such inspections.

¹ Came into force on 13 September 1993 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Tallinn, in accordance with article XV.

² League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 17, p. 189.

Article V

Citizens and permanent residents of the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia have the right to cross the border between the two countries without a visa, freely to transport goods and other valuables of a material nature through border control and customs stations in quantities and according to regulations to be determined by the two Governments, and to remain on the other Party's territory for the length of time permitted by that Party's laws.

Note. The protocol for crossing of the state border between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia by citizens of the Republic of Lithuania shall be established in a treaty to be concluded among the three States.

Article VI

Nationals of other countries, stateless persons, and vehicles shall cross the state border between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia in accordance with generally accepted international regulations unless the two Parties implement some other arrangement.

Article VII

In connection with the changes that have occurred in the use of the land comprising the border zone between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia, identification and redemarcation of the state border shall be carried out in a manner specified in special agreements to be concluded by the Governments of the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia, and in adherence to deadlines specified in such agreements.

Article VIII

The Parties shall establish a Mixed Commission consisting of three representatives of each Party to identify and redemarcate the state border on the ground and to change and update the border maps and the survey record (description of the border). This Commission shall resolve any questions that may arise during the tracing of the border line in places where for some reason the borders of land use have changed and the state border has shifted.

To trace the state border on the ground by means of clearly visible markers, by joint agreement.

Annex. Instructions to the mixed commission overseeing the redemarcation and the establishment on the ground of the state border between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia.

Article IX

A map of the border (scale 1:10,000) shall be prepared in duplicate and signed by all the members of the Mixed Commission. The survey record shall constitute an annex to the map.

The border shall be considered completely restored after the Governments of the two Parties have ratified the border map and the detailed description accompanying it. All land users in both countries are obligated, within one year from the date when the Governments of the two Parties ratify the map and detailed description of the state border, to change the registration of property falling within sections where the border has been altered.