

## ESTONIA AT A GLANCE

### *Estonia-Canada Relations:*

- Canada never recognized the Soviet occupation of **Estonia** and quickly moved to recognize Estonia's re-independence in 1991.
- The second largest Estonian diaspora (22,000) in the world is in Canada.
- Canada has offered training through the Military Training Assistance program in languages, peacekeeping and other professional development areas to approximately 240 Estonian military officers in recent years.
- Canada and **Estonia** cooperate on numerous bilateral initiatives. Canada was represented at the Baltic Defence College in the city of Tartu and the RCMP has been active in providing training to Estonian police officers.
- Canadian Studies programs are available at Tartu and Tallinn Pedagogical Universities in **Estonia**.
- Canada has been an important source of technical assistance in **Estonia's** privatization program.
- The Estonian language immersion program, designed to help integrate non-Estonian speakers into the Estonian society, was based on a model developed by the Ontario Ministry of Education.

### *Canada, Estonia and the European Union:*

- Canada and **Estonia** will work together on advancing the mutual priorities identified in the Canada-EU Partnership Agenda adopted at the March 2004 Canada-EU Summit. This agenda will shape relations for the future in areas such as, people to people links, global governance and prosperity and international security.
- Canada and **Estonia** will work together in areas where we share common goals such as UN reform; implementation of the Kyoto Protocol and the environment including fishery management issues.
- Canada and **Estonia** will both benefit from cooperating in the EU Northern Agenda and the EU Northern Dimension Partnership.
- Canada and **Estonia** will work together to foster the growth of Canada and EU higher education training and youth mobility programmes.
- Canada and **Estonia** will both benefit from an innovative, forward-looking Trade and Investment Enhancement Agreement (TIEA) that seeks to stimulate trade and investment, trade facilitation and sustainable development.

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