

Arrival in Estonia
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STATEMENT UPON ARRIVAL IN ESTONIA
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This is my first visit to Estonia, and I am grateful for the opportunity to be in a country that has left behind a terrible legacy of totalitarianism in favor of democracy and freedom.

To the Estonian government and people I bring a message of encouragement and support from America. We admire your courage, tenacity, and commitment to democracy and free market economics. And we will stand by you as you complete your democratic journey and rejoin the free nations of the West.

While in Tallin, I will meet with government leaders, representatives of non-governmental organizations and others involved in the building of democratic institutions in Estonia. I also hope to learn more about the rich history and culture that speaks to Estonia's European heritage and orientation.

To the government and people of Estonia, I convey my sincere thanks for the warm welcome you have shown me.