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FINLAND

**Pertti TORSTILA**  
(Phonetic: TORsteelah)

*Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
(since May 1996)*

*Addressed as: Mr. Ambassador* 3.5c

*Every country in Europe has the right to  
choose its security policy line.*

*Torstila, January 1997* 3.5c

One of Finland's brightest and best informed  
diplomats, Pertti Torstila—who has extensive  
experience in disarmament and European security  
matters—is well suited to handle Finland's foreign  
policy challenges. 1.4c, 1.4d

[Redacted]

Torstila's last posting  
was a four-year assignment as Ambassador to  
Hungary and Croatia. 3.5c

**Views on CSCE/OSCE** 3.5c

Torstila- 1.4c, 1.4d

[Redacted] asserted in February 1996  
that the international body "fulfilled its task with  
brilliant success, by contributing to the fall of  
communism, the disintegration of the Soviet Union,  
and the liberation of those peoples forced to  
become communist." Torstila added that the  
CSCE—a Cold War system—should not be  
compared to its successor, the OSCE, because  
both were designed for "entirely different  
purposes." 3.5c

**Personal Data** 3.5c

Torstila was born on 13 February 1946 in  
Jyvaskyla. He earned a Master of Political  
Science degree from the University of Helsinki in  
1970. A captain in the military reserves and a  
sports enthusiast, Torstila participates in

[Redacted] 1.4c, 3.5c

Career	3.5c
1970	Joined Foreign Service.
1971	Secretary, Consulate in Rouen, France.
1972-73	Member of Finnish delegation to CSCE preparatory negotiations in Helsinki.
1975	Member of Finnish delegation to CSCE summit meeting in Helsinki.
1973-76	Second secretary, Embassy, Paris.
1976-78	First secretary, Embassy, Paris.
1979-80	Political Department, Foreign Ministry, Helsinki.
1980-81	Attended National School for Administration, Paris.
1981-84	Counselor, Embassy, Paris.
1984-88	Director, Disarmament and Security Policy and CSCE Department, Foreign Ministry.
1988-89	Deputy director general, Political Department, Foreign Ministry.
1989-92	Ambassador to CSCE Mission, Vienna.
1992	Vice chairman of Finnish delegation to CSCE Helsinki follow-up conference and to Helsinki CSCE summit, 1992.
1992-96	Ambassador to Hungary and Croatia. 3.5c

orienteeing (navigating wilderness courses using  
maps and a compass). He also enjoys watching  
skiing, playing the guitar, and studying political  
history in his spare time. 1.4c, 1.4d  
[Redacted] Torstila and his wife, Eva Kristina,  
have been married since 1972; the couple has two  
adult sons. Torstila speaks excellent French,  
English, and some Hungarian. 3.5c

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