

**PACT OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF
ESTONIA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS.
SIGNED AT MOSCOW, SEPTEMBER 28TH, 1939**

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA, of the one part, and

THE PRESIDUM OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE UNION OF SOVIET
SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, of the other part;

Desirous of developing the friendly relations established by the Treaty of Peace of February 2nd, 1920, based on the recognition of independent political existence and non-intervention by either Contracting Party in the internal affairs of the other Contracting Party;

Recognising that the Peace Treaty of February 2nd, 1920, and the Treaty of Non-Aggression and Peaceful Settlement of Disputes of May 4th, 1932 are and remain the solid foundation of their reciprocal relations and obligations;

Convinced that it is in the interest of both Contracting Parties to determine the exact conditions for the consolidation of their mutual security;

Have deemed it necessary to conclude between themselves the Pact of Mutual Assistance hereunder, and have for that purpose appointed as their Plenipotentiaries:

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA:
M. Karl SELTER, Minister for Foreign Affairs;

THE PRESIDUM OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE UNION OF SOVIET
SOCIALIST REPUBLICS:
M. V. M. MOLOTOFF, President of the Council of People's Commissaries and People's
Commissary for Foreign Affairs;

Who have agreed as follows:

Article I.

The two Contracting Parties undertake to render each other assistance of every kind, including military assistance, in the event of direct aggression or threat of aggression on the part of a European Great Power against the maritime frontiers of the Contracting Parties in the Baltic Sea, or against their land frontiers across the territory of the Republic of Latvia, and also against the bases provided for in Article III.

Article II.

The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics undertakes to assist the Estonian army on advantageous terms, with armaments or other war material.

Article III.

The Republic of Estonia grants the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics the right to have naval bases on the Estonian islands of Saare Maa and Hiiu Maa and in the town of Paldiski, together with a number of aerodromes for air forces, on lease at reasonable

rates. The exact sites of the bases and aerodromes in question shall be assigned, and the limits thereof defined, by common accord.

With a view to the defence of the naval bases and aerodromes in question, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics shall be entitled at its own expense to maintain strictly limited numbers of Soviet land and air armed forces, up to a maximum to be determined by special agreement, within the areas allotted for the said bases and aerodromes.

Article IV.

The two Contracting Parties undertake not to conclude alliances or to take part in coalitions directed against either of the Contracting Parties.

Article V.

The enforcement of the present Pact may in no way impair the sovereign rights of the Contracting Parties or, more especially, their economic system or political structure.

The areas allotted for the bases and aerodromes (Article III) shall remain territory of the Republic of Estonia.

Article VI.

The present Pact shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification. The exchange of the instruments of ratification shall take place at Tallinn within six days from the date of signature of the present Pact.

The period of validity of the present Pact shall be ten years, provided always that, if neither of the Contracting Parties deem it necessary to denounce it one year before the expiry, of that period, its validity shall be automatically renewed for a further period of five years.

Article VII.

The present Pact is drawn up in duplicate originals in the Estonian and Russian languages at Moscow, this 28th day of September, 1939.

September 28th, 1939.

K. SELTER.

V. MOLOTOFF.

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