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Dear Christian

I am writing to you regarding the aggressive campaign against Estonia, carried out by the Russian Federation. These actions cast doubt on the basic values that sustain the relations between the countries in Europe and warrant a unanimous condemnation by all European countries.

The pretext of the attacks was the issue of the location in Estonia's capital of a World War Two monument, a question that the Estonian government has the sovereign right to decide. Russia has launched a sustained disinformation campaign against Estonia. Its representatives have assisted in organising the disturbances that took place in Tallinn. There have also been massive cyber-attacks against Estonia's electronic systems from the computers of Russian government institutions. There is a campaign going on to restrict the access of Estonian goods to the Russian market and otherwise impede economic relations. Last week, representatives of the Russian State Duma, invited as a sign of good will to visit our country, called for the resignation of the Estonian Government. There was a physical assault against Estonia's ambassador in Moscow, the Estonian Embassy was under a constant blockade by a large mob of youths for a whole week. The building was vandalised and the diplomats sustained psychological terror. By allowing this to happen, the Russian authorities have committed a most flagrant violation of the Vienna Convention.

We are grateful for the support already expressed by our friends and partners. Estonia relies on this kind of support to continue. It is not only a European question of helping a partner country against an assault by its powerful neighbour. With these acts Russia raises serious questions about its reliability as an international partner. It is important that European Parliaments send a unanimous signal to Russia that these actions are unacceptable and must be stopped.

Estonia is continuously interested in normal and good-neighbourly relations with Russia and we are open to dialogue.

Yours Sincerely,


Ene Ergma