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AOB: Signing of the border treaties between Estonia and Russia

I would like to inform the Permanent Council of the following positive development:

On 18th of February in Moscow, Estonian Foreign Minister Urmas Paet and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov signed the State Border Treaty and the Maritime Border Treaty between the Republic of Estonia and the Russian Federation.

A border that is clearly designated and accepted by both parties is essential for avoiding misunderstandings on potentially critical and sensitive topic of territories. Therefore it is not possible to underestimate the significance of having a clearly defined and a functioning border, in terms of both security and economic policy.

We believe that the signed Treaties will provide a solid basis for the future cooperation in various areas after ratification procedures in both countries have been completed according to the internal laws.