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To: Members of the Executive Board

From: The Secretary

Subject: **Republic of Estonia—Staff Report for the 2011 Article IV Consultation—
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Questions may be referred to Mr. Hoffmaister (ext. 35883), Mr. Lutz (ext. 36588), and Ms. Herzberg (ext. 39503) in EUR.

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REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA

Staff Report for the 2010 Article IV Consultation—Informational Annex

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APPENDIX I. ESTONIA: FUND RELATIONS¹
(As of November 30, 2010)

Membership Status: Joined May 26, 1992; Article VIII.

General Resources Account:	SDR Million	Percent of Quota
Quota	65.20	100.00
Fund holdings of currency	65.19	99.99
Reserve position in Fund	0.01	0.01

SDR Department:	SDR Million	Percent of Allocation
Holdings	62.03	100.1

Outstanding Purchases and Loans: None

Financial Arrangements: None

Projected Obligations to Fund: None

Exchange Rate Arrangements:

As of January 1, 2011, Estonia's currency is the euro, which floats freely and independently against other currencies.

Estonia has accepted the obligations under Article VIII, Sections 2(a), 3 and 4 of the Fund's Articles of Agreement, and maintains an exchange system free of restrictions on the making of payments and transfers for current international transactions, except for those measures imposed for security reasons in accordance with Regulations of the Council of the European Union, as notified to the Executive Board in accordance with Decision No. 144-(52/51). An updated and comprehensive list of all EU restrictions can be found at: http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/cfsp/sanctions/measures.htm

Article IV Consultation:

The 2009 Article IV consultation was concluded by the Executive Board on January 6, 2010.

¹Updated information relating to members' positions in the Fund can be found on the IMF web site (<http://www.imf.org/external/np/fin/tad/exfin1.aspx>).

FSAP and ROSCs:

A review under the Financial Sector Assessment Program (FSAP) was completed at the time of the 2000 Article IV Consultation. Further Reports on Observance of Standards and Codes (ROSC) modules were discussed in the 2001 Article IV Consultations and updated during the 2002 Consultation. A FAD mission concluded a fiscal transparency ROSC in January 2009 and an FSAP update was completed in February 2009. MONEYVAL conducted its evaluation of Estonia's AML/CFT framework in February 2008, and its report was released in December 2008.

Technical Assistance:

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE FUND, 2000–10

DEPT	Project	Action	Timing	Counterpart
FAD	Pension Reform	Mission	April 2000	Ministries of Finance and Social Affairs
MAE	Banking Supervision	Staff Visit	December 2000	Bank of Estonia
FAD	Tax Policy	Mission	March 2001	Ministry of Finance
INS	Financial Markets	Training	September 2002	Bank of Estonia
FAD	Medium-term Budget	Technical Assistance	December 2003	Ministry of Finance
FAD	Tax Reform	Technical Assistance	February 2005	Ministry of Finance
FAD	Tax Reform	Technical Assistance	October 2009	Ministry of Finance

APPENDIX II. ESTONIA: STATISTICAL ISSUES

1. Data provision to the Fund is generally adequate for surveillance purposes. A May 2001 data ROSC mission found that the quality of macroeconomic statistics was generally good. The 2009 fiscal transparency ROSC indicated that Estonia now meets nearly all of the requirements of the transparency code, and approaches best international practice in some areas.
2. Estonia is a subscriber to the Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS). Also, the Bank of Estonia (BoE) and the Statistical Office of Estonia (SE) periodically update on their websites a wide variety of data on the key variables for the monetary, fiscal, real, and external sectors.

A. Monetary and Financial Statistics

3. The BoE has adopted the framework of the ECB for the compilation of monetary and financial statistics, which is consistent with the IMF's *Monetary and Financial Statistics Manual*. STA and BoE have completed the data work on mapping Estonia's monetary data into the *Standardized Report Forms* which have been published in the June issue of the *IFS Supplement*.
4. Aggregate financial data are compiled by the BoE and reported on a monthly basis. Data for individual banks are also available on a quarterly basis, and consolidated data on commercial bank reserves, NFAs, and net open foreign exchange positions are available on the eleventh banking day of the month. Commercial bank off-balance sheet data, leverage and liquidity ratios, and short term external debt are available on the eighteenth banking day of the month. Average capital adequacy ratios are available on the thirteenth banking day of the month. Data on non-performing loans are available on the seventeenth banking day of the month.
5. Estonia participated in the Fund's Coordinated Compilation Exercise for Financial Soundness Indicators and regularly provides a large number of FSIs.

B. Balance of Payments Statistics

6. Quarterly balance of payments and IIP data are compiled by the BoE. Daily exchange rate data are available with a one working day lag. Monthly import/export data are available with a two month lag. Quarterly balance of payments and public and private external debt data are available with a quarterly lag.

C. Government Finance Statistics

7. All fiscal data are published by the Ministry of Finance (MoF). Historical data are also available on SE's website.

- Monthly central government operations data are available with a lag of up to 25 days after the end of the month. The government began reporting monthly data on a consolidated government basis in January 1999 on its Estonian-language web site. Quarterly data on foreign loans and guarantees by the central government are published in Estonian with a monthly lag. The MoF is using one of its two allowed SDDS flexibility options on the timeliness of monthly central government operations data, and have recently started to disseminate these data on the National Summary Data Page.
- Comprehensive annual data on central and local government operations (cash basis) are reported in the *GFS Yearbook*. These data include a statement of operations and the government balance sheet, including data on financial assets and liabilities, both domestic and foreign. Quarterly data for general government, based on the *GFSM 2001* framework, are now regularly reported for inclusion in the *International Finance Statistics*.

D. National Accounts

8. Data on GDP (quarterly and annually) are published by SE with a lag of three months after the end of the quarter. Flash estimates of aggregate GDP are available two months after the end of the reference period. The monthly CPI is available seven days after the end of the reference period. Monthly PPI and export price indices are available four weeks after the end of the reference period. Monthly indicators of retail trade, industrial output, industrial sales, are reported approximately six weeks to two months after the end of the reference period. Nominal monthly wage data and quarterly nominal and real wage data are published with a two-month lag.

ESTONIA: TABLE OF COMMON INDICATORS REQUIRED FOR SURVEILLANCE
(As of December 31, 2010)

	Date of latest observation	Date received	Frequency of Data ⁶	Frequency of Reporting ⁶	Frequency of publication ⁶	Memo Items:	
						Data Quality – Methodological soundness ⁷	Data Quality – Accuracy and reliability ⁸
Exchange Rates	Dec. 31, 2010	12/31/10	D	D	D		
International Reserve Assets and Reserve Liabilities of the Monetary Authorities ¹	Nov. 2010	12/06/10	M	M	M		
Reserves/Base Money	Nov. 2010	12/23/10	M	M	M	O, LO, LO, LO	O, O, O, NA
Broad Money	Nov. 2010	12/23/10	M	M	M		
Central Bank Balance Sheet	Nov. 2010	12/23/10	M	M	M		
Consolidated Balance Sheet of the Banking System	Nov. 2010	12/23/10	M	M	M		
Interest Rates ²	Dec. 31, 2010	12/31/10	D	W	W		
Consumer Price Index	Nov. 2010	12/07/10	M	M	M	O, O, O, O	LO, LO, O, LO
Revenue, Expenditure, Balance and Composition of Financing ³ – General Government ⁴	Nov. 2010	12/16/10	M	M	M	LO, LO, O, O	LO, LO, O, NO
Revenue, Expenditure, Balance and Composition of Financing ³ – Central Government	Nov. 2010	12/16/10	M	M	M		
Stocks of Central Government and Central Government-Guaranteed Debt ⁵	Q2 2010	9/23/10	Q	Q	Q		
External Current Account Balance	Q3 2010	12/9/10	Q	Q	Q	O, O, LO, O	O, O, O, O
Exports and Imports of Goods and Services	Oct. 2010	12/10/10	M	M	M		
GDP/GNP	Q3 2010	12/09/10	Q	Q	Q	O, O, O, LO	LO, LO, LO, LNO
Gross External Debt	Q3 2010	12/09/10	Q	Q	Q		
International Investment Position ⁹	Q3 2010	12/09/10	Q	Q	Q		

¹ Any reserve assets that are pledged or otherwise encumbered should be specified separately.

² Both market-based and officially-determined, including discount rates, money market rates, rates on treasury bills, notes and bonds.

³ Foreign, domestic bank, and domestic nonbank financing.

⁴ The general government consists of the central government (budgetary funds, extra budgetary funds, and social security funds) and state and local governments.

⁵ Including currency and maturity composition.

⁶ Daily (D), Weekly (W), Monthly (M), Quarterly (Q), Annually (A), Irregular (I); Not Available (NA).

⁷ Reflects the assessment provided in the data ROSC published on November 6, 2001 and based on the findings of the mission that took place during May 10-18, 2001 for the dataset corresponding to the variable in each row. For fiscal, also takes account of the 2009 Fiscal Transparency ROSC. The assessment indicates whether international standards concerning concepts and definitions, scope, classification/sectorization, and basis for recording are fully observed (O), largely observed (LO), largely not observed (LNO), or not observed (NO).

⁸ Same as footnote 7, except referring to international standards concerning (respectively) source data, statistical techniques, assessment and validation, and revision studies.

⁹ Includes external gross financial asset and liability positions vis-à-vis nonresidents.