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MYTELS NOS 25 AND 26: THE NEW FINNISH GOVERNMENT

1. I RECOMMEND MESSAGES TO THE FINNISH PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTERS ON THE FOLLOWING LINES:

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO MR KALEVI SORSA

I SEND YOU MY WARM CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT FOR THE THIRD TIME AS PRIME MINISTER OF FINLAND, AND EXTEND MY BEST WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT.

*Agree
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FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO MR PAR STENBACK

I SEND YOU MY CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN MINISTER, AND BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE. I AM SURE THAT UNDER PRESIDENT KOIVISTO FINLAND WILL CONTINUE TO WORK FOR THE STABILITY OF THE NORDIC AREA, FOR PEACE AND SECURITY IN EUROPE AND THE WORLD, AND FOR THE INDEPENDENCE AND NEUTRALITY OF FINLAND, IN ALL OF WHICH WE SHARE A COMMON INTEREST.

2. THE REASON FOR PROPOSING INCLUSION OF THE FOREIGN POLICY POINTS IN THE MESSAGE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER RATHER THAN TO THE PRIME MINISTER IS THAT THE LATTER HAS NO CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THE FORMER DOES, UNDER THE PRESIDENT.

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