

Message by the Ambassador Filippo Formica

To represent Italy in Estonia is a great honour and a responsibility, both of which I am fully aware.

Between Italy and Estonia there is commonality of ideals, shared values of freedom, community of action in the defence of peace and common security.

The European option is the basic reference for my country's foreign policy and the same is true for the Atlantic option. The construction of the political Europe, in addition to the economic one, is Italy's primary objective.

First of all, we need to restore the inspirational drive which transformed Europe in the most attractive project of civilization.

The Atlantic Alliance has been for us an essential choice. Italy has also demonstrated, even, in the most trying times, that it is firmly Atlantic, all the while faithful to the objective of European construction to which it has always been unconditionally committed.

Nowadays, new challenges arise from problems that are international in nature but domestic in impact, like organized crime, terrorism, drug trafficking, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and mass migrations. An effective international cooperation is necessary to address these challenges. Italy is committed to working, within the UN and all the International Organizations it belongs to, in order to create the instruments that would allow this cooperation to take place.

The friendship and collaboration between Italy and Estonia are solid. The breadth and depth of our relations are reflected in politics, the economy, and culture. It is with these sentiments that I begin my mission as Ambassador of Italy to Estonia, with the firm pledge to spare no effort to ensure the continuing growth and fulfilment of our friendship and collaboration.