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BALTIC STATES: DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ICELAND

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SUMMARY

1. ICELAND ACCORDS DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION TO THE BALTIC STATES.

DETAIL

2. AT A CEREMONY THIS MORNING IN REYKJAVIK THE ICELANDIC FOREIGN MINISTER AND HIS COUNTERPARTS FROM ALL THREE BALTIC STATES SIGNED DECLARATIONS ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. IMMEDIATE APPOINTMENTS OF NON RESIDENT ICELANDIC AMBASSADORS WERE ANNOUNCED. THE AMBASSADOR TO SWEDEN HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO RIGA AND TALLINN AND THE AMBASSADOR IN COPENHAGEN TO VILNIUS. ALL THREE BALTIC STATES WILL APPOINT NON RESIDENT AMBASSADORS TO ICELAND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. OUTLINE TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH ESTONIA AND LATVIA WERE SIGNED (THERE IS ALREADY ONE WITH LITHUANIA) AND AN HONORARY CONSUL IN REYKJAVIK WAS APPOINTED WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE ICELANDERS.

3. MUTUAL COMPLIMENTS WERE PAID BY THE ICELANDIC FOREIGN MINISTER AND HIS THREE BALTIC COUNTERPARTS. THE LATTER WILL NOW FLY TO COPENHAGEN AND THEN OSLO, BONN AND STOCKHOLM IN THAT ORDER FOR SIMILAR CEREMONIES.

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