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Subject: Inquiry Regarding Estonian Judicial Practice on the Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments Issued by Courts of the Russian Federation

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing on behalf of **RIDD Vilnius**, a professional law firm based in the Republic of Lithuania, regarding legal proceedings concerning the recognition and enforcement of judgments rendered by courts or arbitral tribunals of the Russian Federation, particularly in matters arising from commercial legal relationships.

On 25 June 2024, the Republic of Lithuania formally denounced the **Agreement between the Republic of Lithuania and the Russian Federation on Legal Assistance in Civil, Family and Criminal Matters**, originally signed on 21 July 1992. Similar steps have reportedly been taken by the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia.

In light of the termination of bilateral legal assistance agreements, questions have arisen concerning the current position of Estonian courts regarding the recognition and enforcement of judgments issued by courts of the Russian Federation—especially in commercial matters. As such issues fall within the discretionary competence of national courts, we would appreciate your guidance on the prevailing judicial practice in Estonia in this respect.

Accordingly, we respectfully request your position and, if available, any relevant jurisprudence or procedural decisions related to the following question:

- 1. Do the courts of the Republic of Estonia (in particular, the Supreme Court of Estonia) currently recognize and/or enforce judgments issued by courts of the Russian Federation in commercial cases, and under what legal basis or conditions?**

Should it be possible, we would also appreciate the opportunity to review copies of procedural decisions issued by competent Estonian courts in such matters.

We thank you in advance for your time, cooperation, and consideration. This request has been submitted electronically and is duly signed with a qualified electronic signature.

ATTACHED:

1. Representation agreement, 1 page.
2. Translation of the representation agreement, 1 page.

Yours faithfully,
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