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**PES Presidency Statement on recent developments in Estonia**

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The PES Presidency expresses its grave concerns about recent riots in Estonia, relating to the relocation of a World War II memorial, the effective siege of the Estonian embassy in Moscow, and the alleged collusion of the Russian Federation in the perpetration of these acts.

The PES expresses serious concerns as to the involvement of the Russian government in these events, including the alleged contact between officials of the Russian embassy and the perpetrators of the lootings, as well as the refusal to date of the Russian government to secure the Estonian embassy.

The PES supports the German Presidency of the EU in its calls for the Russian government to end the siege of the Estonian embassy in Moscow, in full respect of its international obligations under the Vienna Convention.

