

The U.S. Department of State issued the following statement on July 28, 1922 upon recognizing the three new Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania:

The governments of Esthonia, Latvia and Lithuania have been recognized, either de jure or de facto, by the principal governments of Europe and have entered into treaty relations with their neighbors.

In extending to them the recognition on its part, the Government of the United States takes cognizance of the actual existence of these governments during a considerable period of time and of the successful maintenance within their borders of political and economic stability.

The United States has consistently maintained that the disturbed condition of Russian affairs may not be made the occasion for the alienation of Russian territory, and this is not deemed to be infringed by the recognition at this time of the governments of Esthonia, Latvia and Lithuania which have been set up and maintained by an indigenous population.

Mr. Evan E. Young will continue to act as commissioner of the United States in these countries, with the rank of Minister.

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