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Onderwerp: Statement of the Saeima (Parliament) of the Republic of Latvia

Dear Colleagues,

Please find attached the Statement adopted by the Saeima (Parliament) of the Republic of Latvia on February 5, 2026 **on the importance of transatlantic cooperation for ensuring peace and security.**

Please forward this Statement to the MPs in your Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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STATEMENT

I hereby announce that the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia, at its plenary session of 5 February 2026,

noting the significant contribution of the United States of America to the non-recognition of Latvia's occupation and the restoration of independence, and international recognition of Latvia, including its role in the withdrawal of Russian troops from the territory of Latvia, which was an important step towards the full restoration of Latvia's sovereignty, and highly appreciating the support of the United States in Latvia's accession to NATO and the fact that this historic decision became a cornerstone of Latvia's security policy, emphasising that the United States is Latvia's main strategic ally and partner, whose cooperation is indispensable for strengthening Latvia's national security;

based on close political dialogue, military cooperation and joint participation in NATO, the United States contributes substantially to the development of Latvia's defence capabilities, the provision of deterrence capacity and the stability of regional security, thereby forming a key pillar of Latvia's security policy;

noting the 2017 Agreement on Defence Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Latvia, which continues to promote long-term military cooperation, interoperability and capability development;

emphasising the invaluable importance of the United States' rotational military presence in Latvia, which provides a substantial contribution to the security of Latvia and the Baltic region;

highly valuing Canada's political, military and economic presence in Latvia and expressing gratitude to Canada for leading NATO's multinational brigade in Latvia, for strengthening its military presence and for its continuous investments in infrastructure;

noting the long-standing and continuous bipartisan support of the United States Congress for the security and defence of the Baltic States, as well as appreciating the special role in strengthening cooperation of the House Baltic Caucus – the group of the

House of Representatives of the United States Congress for cooperation with the Baltic States;

highly appreciating the joint support of the United States of America for the Baltic Security Initiative and Foreign Military Financing programme, which have boosted and fast-tracked the development of Latvia's defence capabilities;

emphasising the excellent cooperation between the Members of the Saeima and the Members of the U.S. Congress and the House of Commons of Canada within the framework of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly;

noting the importance of strengthening parliamentary cooperation with the United States Congress through regular visits and intensified inter-parliamentary cooperation mechanisms, organised with the involvement of the Representative of the Saeima in Washington;

taking into account the letter initiated by the heads of parliament of the United States and Israel, signed on 20 January 2026 by Daiga Mieriņa, Speaker of the Saeima;

highlighting the significant contribution of the United States of America to the Armenia-Azerbaijan peace process, resulting in an agreement, signed on 8 August 2025 in Washington, D.C., regarding the text of the peace treaty, as well as continued work towards establishing lasting peace and implementation of the Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity between the two states, based on mutual recognition of sovereignty, territorial integrity, and the inviolability of state borders;

deeply appreciating the progress achieved by the United States in the Middle East Peace Process and the release of all hostages taken by Hamas;

celebrating the cooperation between the National Armed Forces of Latvia and the Michigan National Guard that has strengthened Latvia's combat capabilities for over 30 years;

emphasising that, thanks to the leadership of the President of the United States Donald Trump, and his firm demand, a historic decision was adopted at the NATO Summit in The Hague on 25 June 2025 to gradually increase defence spending to five percent of GDP by 2035, which will significantly strengthen NATO's deterrence and defence capabilities;

highly valuing the assurances expressed by the United States and Canada regarding support for the Baltic States and the security of the region;

noting the participation of Latvian soldiers — seven of whom have made the ultimate sacrifice — in international missions shoulder to shoulder with U.S. soldiers in the fight against the threats of international terrorism in Afghanistan and Iraq, which demonstrates our country's reliability and solidarity in ensuring collective security;

emphasising that the body of international law and the principles of the indivisibility of the state, territorial integrity and sovereignty are essential for ensuring peace and stability, preventing wars and conflicts, and ensuring peace throughout the world;

highly valuing the close cooperation of Donald Trump, President of the United States, Volodymyr Zelensky, President of Ukraine, and the leaders of the European Union member states in their joint efforts to achieve a just and sustainable peace and provide security guarantees for a sovereign Ukraine;

highlighting Latvia's determination, together with allies and partners, to continue supporting Ukraine's heroic resistance, as well as to provide political and practical support on its path toward membership in the European Union and further Euro-Atlantic integration;

emphasising that the United States has pursued active diplomacy to reduce tensions between states, using direct political dialogue, deterrence policy and diplomatic solutions, thereby promoting global security and stability:

— promoting diplomatic efforts to end Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine by developing a peace plan and related documents to achieve a just and lasting peace,

— implementing the United States' "peace through strength" approach, including, in coordination with the European Union, increasing pressure on Russia and implementing comprehensive sanctions and trade restrictions,

— taking action against third countries that support evasion of sanctions, as well as continuing to work toward the common goal of the containment of Russia and Iran,

emphasises the commitment to continue strengthening and deepening cooperation with the United States of America and Canada in the fields of security, economy and technology;

expresses the commitment to promote joint efforts in strengthening NATO as the fundamental guarantor of transatlantic security and defence.

Speaker of the Saeima

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Riga, 5 February 2026