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**OF THE
STATE VISIT BY**

**H.E. VAIRA VIKE-FREIBERGA
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA
AND MR. IMANTS FREIBERGS**

TO ICELAND

12 – 13 August 2002

H.E. Vaira Vike-Freiberga, President of the Republic of Latvia
Mr. Imants Freibergs

Official Delegation

Mr. Aigars Kalvitis, Minister of Economy
Mr. Martinš Bondars, Head of the President's Chancery
Mr. Aivars Baumanis, Ambassador of Latvia to Iceland
Mrs. Anita Baumane
Ambassador Janis Dripe, Chief of State Protocol
Mr. Andrejs Pildegovics, Advisor to the President on Foreign Affairs
Ms. Aiva Rozenberga, Press Secretary to the President
Ms. Baiba Laizane, Head of the First Political Department

Accompanying persons

Ms. Dace Duze, Adviser to the President on Public relations
Ms. Zane Zeibote, Advisor to the President on Economy
Ms. Evija Kenina, Chief of the President's Protocol
Mr. Sols N. Bukingolts, Advisor to the President on Economy
Ms. Inese Liepina, Head of Foreign Economic Policy
Co-ordination Division
Ms. Laila Sedleniece, Second Secretary of the President's
Protocol Division
Ms. Irita Kise, Third Secretary of the Baltic States and
Northern Europe Division
Ms. Vineta Šnore, Assistant to the Minister of Economy
Captain Intars Jundze, Aide-De-Camp to the President
Ms. Dzintra Innus, Private Consultant to the President
Mr. Juris Krumiņš, Photographer to the President
Mr. Maris Svilans, Camera Man to the President
Mr. Gints Kampe, Security Officer
Mr. Batirs Jušvajevs, Security Officer
Mr. Edgars Utans, Security Officer

Monday 12 August

- 10:00 Official Welcoming Ceremony at the President's Residence
Bessastaðir
National Anthems
Introduction of Icelandic Government and high-officials. Afterwards there will be a short reception inside where the President of Latvia introduces her delegation
- 10:30 Meeting between the Presidents
- 10:30 – *Special programme for Mr. Imants Freibergs*
11:30 *Visit to the company Marel in Garðabæ*
- 11:15 Meeting with the press at Bessastaðir
- 11:45 Lunch at Bessastaðir for the President of Latvia and Mr. Imants Freibergs hosted by the President of Iceland
- 13:30 – *Special programme for Mr. Imants Freibergs*
15:30 *Visit to deCode Genetics*
- 14:35 Meeting with the Prime Minister of Iceland Mr. Davíð Oddsson at the Government House
- 15:35 Arrival at the National Culture House
- 15:45 – Open Round Table discussion with Icelandic Politicians and
16:45 Scholars
The President of Latvia will speak on the topic: "The Role of Small Nations in NATO"
- 17:20 Arrival at the Arnarnagneyri Institute
- 20:00 Official Dinner at Bessastaðir hosted by the President of Iceland in honour of the President of Latvia and Mr. Imants Freibergs

Tuesday 13 August

- 09:25 Arrival at Hús Verslunarinnar, House of Commerce, 7th floor
- 09:30 Business Seminar organized by the Icelandic Chamber of Commerce, the Trade Council and Overseas Business Bureau
- ?? 09:30 Welcoming address by the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce

?? 09:35 Address of the President of Iceland
?? 09:40 Address of the President of Latvia
?? 09:45 Latvian input: Introduction to Latvian economy
?? 10:00 Address by Chairman of the Icelandic Chamber of
Commerce
?? 10:15 Coffee break
?? 10:30 Departure of the Presidents
?? 10:35 Business opportunities in Latvia
?? 11:00 Icelandic input: Experience of doing business in Latvia
?? 12:00 End of business seminar

10:40 Departure for Þingvellir, the Old Parliament Site

11:20 Arrival at the Friendship Grove
Tree planting ceremony

11:50 Historical introduction to Þingvellir

12:30 Lunch hosted by Mr. Davíð Oddsson Prime Minister and
Mrs. Ástríður Thorarensen at the Prime Minister's Summer
House

15:15 President of Latvia meets with the Icelandic media at Hotel
Saga

16:15 President of Latvia opens Latvian Art Exhibition at the
Kringlan Shopping Mall, ground floor
?? Address of the President of Latvia
?? Music programme

17:00 Farewell reception in main hall of the City Theatre hosted by
the President of Latvia