

LATVIA AT A GLANCE

Latvia-Canada Relations:

- The President of **Latvia**, Vaira Vike-Freiberga, is a former Canadian citizen who lived in Canada for 44 years after fleeing her homeland during the Second World War.
- Canada has offered training through the Military Training Assistance program in languages, peacekeeping and other professional development areas to approximately 230 Latvian military officers.
- Canadian International Development Assistance (CIDA) has been involved in numerous projects in **Latvia**, including the development of a North American-style Master of Business Administration (MBA) program at the Riga Business Institute.
- Canada never recognized the Soviet occupation of **Latvia** and moved quickly to recognize **Latvia's** re-independence in 1991.

Canada, Latvia and the European Union:

- Canada and **Latvia** will work together on advancing the mutual priorities identified in the Canada-EU Partnership Agenda adopted at the March 2004 Canada-EU Summit. This agenda will shape relations for the future in areas such as, people to people links, global governance and prosperity and international security.
- Canada and **Latvia** will work together to offer official development assistance to third countries and work towards the development of an official European Union development policy.
- Canada and **Latvia** will collaborate to fight international crime including the illegal trafficking in human beings.
- Canada and **Latvia** will work to ensure the complementarity of NATO and an evolving EU security and defence policy.
- Canada and **Latvia** will both benefit from an innovative, forward-looking Trade and Investment Enhancement Agreement that seeks to stimulate trade and investment, trade facilitation and sustainable development.

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