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LATVIANS**

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The Honorable Donald Trump
President of the United States
The White House

Mr. President Trump,

I am writing on behalf of our Board of Directors and our Latvian member organizations worldwide to express our concern regarding the recent deterioration in transatlantic relations between the United States and European countries, particularly in connection with the Danish territory of Greenland, and the broader implications this may have for global peace and security, including in Ukraine.

We recognize that Greenland holds significant importance for the security of the United States in these uncertain times of global power competition. At the same time, the United States already maintains a military presence on the island and retains the ability to strengthen it at any time, without violating the sovereignty of the Kingdom of Denmark or jeopardizing relations with its allies. The U.S. already has the benefits of Greenland without the costs of owning it. We firmly believe that the long-standing and robust security ties between the United States and Europe within the NATO framework remain the strongest guarantor of peace and stability.

We urge you to stand by the enduring principles of collective defense and deterrence, our shared democratic values, and burden sharing. Together, America and Europe represent a significant share of global military, economic, and diplomatic power. We respectfully encourage the use of this combined strength to shape international norms, preserve the rules-based international order, and counterbalance authoritarian states. We also note that European countries have significantly increased their defense spending and have stood shoulder to shoulder with the United States by contributing troops to American-led military operations, including in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Libya.

As the umbrella organization representing hundreds of thousands of Latvians living around the world, **we, the World Federation of Free Latvians, respectfully encourage you, Mr. President, to engage in constructive diplomatic dialogue with European Union leaders to reach a balanced solution that safeguards the security interests of the United States while fully respecting the sovereignty of the Kingdom of Denmark, without undermining the battle-tested unity of NATO or the shared values of the Western alliance.**

We thank you for the United States' leadership and the continued security support of the European continent and the Baltic region.

Respectfully,

Peteris Blumbergs, President