President of Latvia will focus his UN General Assembly address on the significance of sustainability, digital security and rules-based international order

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President of Latvia Egils Levits will attend the 76th session of the UN General Assembly in New York and visit the State of Michigan in scope of a working visit to the United States of America (USA) on 19-24 September.

In his UN General Assembly speech to be delivered on 21 September, President of Latvia Egils Levits will draw the attention of other heads of states to lessons of COVID-19 pandemic and need to strengthen future resilience. He will highlight sustainability, climate and human rights issues and urge the United Nations to improve its efficiency to be able to address the modern-day challenges.

During the UN General Assembly, presidents of all three Baltic countries will meet with UN Secretary-General António Manoel de Oliveira Guterres and President of Poland Andrzej Sebastian Duda.

In addition, President Levits will also have several bilateral meetings: with President of Sri Lanka Gotabaya Rajapaksa, Prime Minister of Georgia Irakli Garibashvili and other leaders.

President will take part in a discussion about the Three Seas Initiative organised by Atlantic Council (a think tank).

While in the United States on a working visit, Egils Levits will go to the State of Michigan. He will discuss the global role of the European Union with students and professors of the University of Michigan, visit the Michigan National Guard and honour the fallen soldier, and meet with the Governor of the State of Michigan Gretchen Whitmer.

Egils Levits will also meet with Latvian diaspora from New Jersey and Detroit.

He will also give interviews to several international media during his US visit.

Egils Levits will be accompanied by his wife Mrs Andra Levite. The First Lady will meet with Latvians living in the US and working in healthcare, science, education, and representatives of UN Women, an organisation empowering women.

Agenda

Sunday, 19 September

13:00–15:00 President of Latvia Egils Levits and Mrs Andra Levite meet with students of New Jersey Latvian school and Latvians from other parts of the US

19:00–20:00 Andra Levite meets with Latvians living in the US

Monday, 20 September

10:50-12:20

9:35–10:30 Andra Levites visits the exhibition "INTERWAR LATVIA: An Experiment in Graphic Design & Book Publishing, 1918–1939"

12:40–14:10 President of Latvia Egils Levits and Mrs Andra Levite meet with Ilze Brands Kehris, UN Assistant Secretary-

General for Human Rights

Tuesday, 21 September

8:00–8:50 President of Latvia Egils Levits arrives at the UN Headquarters where he is greeted by UN Secretary-General António Manoel de Oliveira Guterres

9:00 President of Latvia Egils Levits takes part in the opening of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly

9:30-10:10 Andra Levite visits Maya Lin's exhibition "Ghost forest" at the Madison Square Park

Andra Levite visits the Museum of Modern Art in New York

~10:25–11:10 Andra Levite visits the Little Island (park)

11:30–12:00 President of Latvia Egils Levits meets with President of Sri Lanka Gotabaya Rajapaksa

12:30–13:45 President of Latvia Egils Levits takes part in a discussion about the Three Seas Initiative organised by

Atlantic Council (a think tank)

18:00–18:20 Andra Levite meets with representatives of Achilles International, an international organisation supporting people with special needs

15:00–15:30 President of Latvia Egils Levits meets with President of Namibia Hage Geingob

~19:00 President of Latvia Egils Levits delivers his speech at the 76th session of the UN General Assembly

Wednesday, 22 September

10:15–10:45 Meeting between Baltic presidents and UN Secretary-General António Manoel de Oliveira Guterres

11:00–11:30 President of Latvia Egils Levits meets with Prime Minister of Georgia Irakli Garibashvili

11:45–12:45 Meeting between Baltic presidents and President of Poland Andrzej Sebastian Duda

Thursday, 23 September

12:00–13:00 President of Latvia Egils Levits and Mrs Andra Levite visit the University of Michigan and take part in discussion with students and professors "Latvia, Europe, and the Road Ahead: A Conversation with the President of Latvia Egils Levits"

17:00–17:55 President of Latvia Egils Levits meets with the board of American Latvian Association

18:30–20:00 President of Latvia Egils Levits and Mrs Andra Levite meet with Detroit Latvian community

Friday, 24 September

9:00–9:30 President of Latvia Egils Levits visits the Michigan National Guard Fallen Soldier Wall to honour the memory

of fallen soldiers

10:00–10:30 President of Latvia Egils Levits meets with Governor of Michigan Gretchen Whitmer

11:00–12:00 President of Latvia Egils Levits meets with Michigan National Guard

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