

## President of Latvia will address the UN General Assembly on Russia's responsibility for invading Ukraine

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President of Latvia Egils Levits will visit New York on 20 – 22 September. His working visit to United States will include participation in the opening of the 77<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly of United Nations (UN).

On 21 September, President of Latvia Egils Levits will deliver his speech at the opening session of the UN General Assembly. President Levits intends to focus his address to other world leaders on the importance of restoring the international order. He will also call for special international tribunal tasked with investigating Russia's accountability for the war crimes committed in Ukraine. Speech will also focus on digital security and use of technologies to achieve global sustainable development goals

While attending the UN General Assembly, Egils Levits will join his Baltic counterparts for a joint meeting with UN Secretary General António Manoel de Oliveira Guterres and President of Poland Andrzej Sebastian Duda. President of Latvia will also meet with Sima Bahous, Executive Director of UN Women, a UN gender equality and equal opportunities agency. President of Latvia will also have a series of bilateral meetings with other heads of state and government to discuss how Latvia can contribute to UN agenda. Egils Levits will also be interviewed by several international media outlets.

President and First Lady will also attend the reception hosted by US President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden.

Mrs Andra Levite will join other first ladies and gentlemen for joint meeting with First Lady of Ukraine Olena Zelenska, Houry Geudelekian, Chairperson of NGO Committee on the Status of Women, New York, and representatives of International Disability Alliance. First Lady of Latvia will also meet with Latvian diaspora in US, including healthcare, academic and education professionals working or studying in New York.

## Agenda (NYC time)

Tuesday, 20 September

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

9:00 – President of Latvia Egils Levits participates in the opening of the 77<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly of United Nations (UN)

12:00 – Meeting between Mrs Andra Levite, other first ladies and gentlemen and First Lady of Ukraine Olena Zelenska

12:30 – Baltic presidents meet with President of Poland Andrzej Sebastian Duda

15:30 – President of Latvia Egils Levits attends the political summit organised by presidents of France and New Zealand or the so-called *Christchurch Call*

17:45 – Mrs Andra Levite meets with Latvian diaspora members working or studying in New York

Wednesday, 21 September

9:15 – Baltic presidents meet with UN Secretary General António Guterres

9:30 – Mrs Andra Levite meets with Houry Geudelekian, Chairperson of NGO Committee on the Status of Women, New York

10:45–12:00 – President of Latvia Egils Levits address the participants of the 77<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly of United Nations

12:30 – President of Latvia Egils Levits attends the opening of “Russia’s War Crimes House” at the Ukrainian Institute of America

16:30 – Mrs Andra Levite meets with International Disability Alliance

19:00 – President of Latvia Egils Levits and First Lady Andra Levite attend the reception hosted by US President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden

Thursday, 22 September

11:00 – President of Latvia Egils Levits meets with Jewish organisation of America

12.15 – President of Latvia Egils Levits attends Nizami Ganjavi International Center panel discussion “The Role of NATO in the Current Global Security Architecture”

16:30 – President of Latvia Egils Levits and Mrs Andra Levite meet with Sima Bahous, Executive Director of UN Women, a UN gender equality and equal opportunities agency

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