

## The President of Latvia is granted the status of an honorary citizen of Lisbon

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President of Latvia Egils Levits today met with the Mayor of Lisbon, Mr Carlos Moedas, as part of his state visit to Portugal, highlighting the role of Lisbon in organising various European and international events. E. Levits expressed Latvia's interest in cooperation in transport, IT and other areas, also noting the mayor's previous work experience as Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science at the European Commission. The President of Latvia appreciated the contribution of Lisbon, as a sister city of Kyiv, by hosting Ukrainian refugees and providing support to Kyiv.

C. Moedas referred to the visit of the Mayor of Kyiv, Vitali Klitschko, to Lisbon last week, during which he had heard many complimentary words about the great support of the society and the President of Latvia for Ukraine. C. Moedas underlined the historic spirit of resistance and freedom of the Latvian people, which is also reflected in the Constitution.

The Mayor of Lisbon highly appreciated the President's support for multilateralism, democracy and international law, awarding E. Levits the status of honorary citizen of Lisbon. The President of Latvia thanked C. Moedas for the honour he had received and for Portugal's hospitality during the state visit.



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