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**To the Presidium of the Saeima
of the Republic of Latvia**

Pursuant to Article 79 of the Saeima Rules of Procedure, we hereby submit the draft law “Amendments to the Citizenship Law”.

Enclosed:

1. Draft law on two pages.

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Amendments to the Citizenship Law

Make the following amendments to the Citizenship Law (*Latvijas Republikas Saeimas un Ministru Kabineta Ziņotājs* [Informer of the Saeima and the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Latvia], 1994, Issue 17; 1995, Issue 8; 1997, Issue 5; 1998, Issue 22):

1. In Section 2, Clause 1, exclude the words “except persons who have acquired the citizenship (nationality) of another state after 4 May 1990”.

2. Express Section 2, Clause 5 as follows:

“5) children born of parents of whom one or both were citizens of Latvia at the time of such birth”.

3. Supplement Section 2, Clause 6 with the following wording:

“6) children of whose one or both adoptive parents were citizens of Latvia at the time of adoption”.

4. Exclude Section 3.

5. Supplement the Law with a Section 8¹ with the following wording:

“Section 8¹. Citizenship of Latvian Exiles

(1) Citizens of Latvia who, during the period from 17 June 1940 to 4 May 1990, left Latvia as refugees, in order to escape the terror of the occupation regimes of the U.S.S.R. and Germany, were deported, or due to the aforesaid reasons have not been able to return to Latvia and have become naturalised during this time in a foreign state, and their descendants retain their right to register in the Population Register as citizens of Latvia, and after registration shall, to the full extent, enjoy the rights of citizens and fulfil the obligations of citizens.

(2) The persons referred to in Paragraph one of this Section may register in the Population Register as citizens of Latvia at any time upon presentation of proof that certifies the right of such a person to Latvian citizenship.

6. Supplement Section 9 with a Paragraph (1¹) with the following wording:

“(1¹) Dual citizenship may be affected:

1) for citizens of Latvia who have acquired the citizenship of another member state of the European Union or the European Free Trade Association;

2) for citizens of Latvia who have acquired the citizenship of another member state of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization;

3) for citizens of Latvia who have acquired the citizenship of a foreign state with which the Republic of Latvia has entered into an international treaty regarding the recognition of dual citizenship;

4) for citizens of Latvia who have acquired the citizenship of a state not referred to in Clauses 1-3 of this Paragraph, provided they have received a permission from the Cabinet to retain their Latvian citizenship;

5) for children born of parents of whom one or both are citizens of Latvia, and who were born outside Latvia, if they acquire, by law, the citizenship (nationality) of another state at the time of such birth;

6) for persons who, by law, have acquired the citizenship (nationality) of another state as a result of marriage.”

7. Exclude Paragraph three of Section 15.

6. Express Section 24, Paragraph one, Clause 1 as follows:

„1) has acquired the citizenship (nationality) of another state without submitting an application regarding the renunciation of Latvian citizenship, except in the cases referred to in Sections 8¹ and 9 of this Law;”.

7. Exclude Paragraph 1 of the Transitional Regulations.