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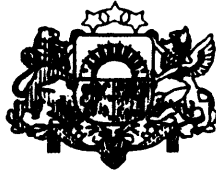
EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW

REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

**Law on the Head of State of the
Republic of Latvia until the convention
of the Saeima**

and

**Law on organising the Republic of Latvia
Supreme Council activities until the
convention of the Saeima**



TRANSLATION

REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

LAW

On the Head of State of the Republic of Latvia Until the Convention of the Seima

The Supreme Council of the Republic of Latvia **r e s o l v e s** :

1. The Head of State of the Republic of Latvia, until the convention of the Saeima, is the Republic of Latvia Supreme Council Chairman, and he has such authorities and obligations as stipulated by the Republic of Latvia August 25, 1992 Law "On Organizing the Republic of Latvia Supreme Council Activities Until the Convention of the Saeima".
2. The Law takes effect as of the moment of its adoption.

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Secretary, Supreme Council
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Riga, September 15, 1992

The authenticity of the translation is confirmed by
Secretary of the Supreme Council
of the Republic of Latvia. For purposes of
interpretation, the original Latvian text is to be
regarded as official.

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TRANSLATION

REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

LAW

On Organizing the Republic of Latvia Supreme Council Activities Until the Convention of the Saeima

Article 1

Until the convention of the fifth Saeima, legislative rights belong to the Republic of Latvia Supreme Council which consists of Republic of Latvia People's Deputies, as well as to the people of Latvia in the procedure and to the extent as stipulated by the Republic of Latvia Satversme (Constitution) and other laws.

Article 2

The Supreme Council of the Republic of Latvia:

- 1) passes laws, resolutions and other acts;
- 2) announces and organizes the fifth Saeima elections;
- 3) decides on the State budget and the report on the budget implementation;
- 4) approves the main directions of Latvia's domestic and foreign policies;
- 5) decides on accession to international agreements and on their ratification or denouncement;
- 6) decides on the maximum amount of the State debt, as well as that of the foreign debt;
- 7) controls the work of its subordinate State institutions;
- 8) elects its committees, determines their composition and their tasks;
- 9) establishes parliamentary investigatory commissions, if requested by no less than 20 People's Deputies;
- 10) proclaims amnesty;
- 11) decides on the annulment of Supreme Council and Council of Ministers resolutions; and
- 12) exercises other authorities stipulated by laws and Supreme Council resolutions.

Article 3

The Supreme Council elects its Chairperson, the two Deputy Chairpersons and the Supreme Council Secretary who, upon mutual agreement, divide their official duties among themselves in conformity with this Law.

Article 4

Supreme Council activities are organized by its Presidium, which functions continuously until the convention of the fifth Saeima and which includes the Supreme Council Chairperson, the two Deputy Chairpersons, the Supreme Council Secretary and Supreme Council standing committee chairpersons.

Article 5

The Supreme Council Presidium is chaired by the Supreme Council Chairperson.

Article 6

The Supreme Council Presidium:

- 1) convenes Supreme Council sessions;
- 2) organizes the preparation of Supreme Council sessions and meetings;
- 3) coordinates the work of Supreme Council standing committees;
- 4) adopts decisions on amnesty;
- 5) between Supreme Council sessions:
determines the necessary temporary measures for guaranteeing the State's and society's security, accomplishes the necessary military defense activities and without delay convenes the Supreme Council extraordinary sessions concerning the aforementioned issues;
- 6) interprets laws, resolutions and other Supreme Council acts;
- 7) appoints chairpersons and deputy chairpersons to Supreme Council standing structural units;
- 8) adopts decisions concerning the Republic of Latvia People's Deputies' and Supreme Council employees' business trips abroad; and
- 9) exercises other authorities stipulated by laws and Supreme Council resolutions.

Article 7

The Republic of Latvia Supreme Council Presidium adopts resolutions with a majority vote of all the Presidium members.

Article 8

Supreme Council Chairperson:

- 1) represents the country on an international level;
- 2) presides over Supreme Council and Presidium meetings;
- 3) signs laws, Supreme Council resolutions and other acts adopted by the Supreme Council or the Presidium;
- 4) acknowledges the letters of accreditation or renouncement of foreign diplomatic representatives;
- 5) proposes nominations for the election, appointment or confirmation to the positions of Supreme Council Deputy Chairpersons, Supreme Council Secretary, Council of Ministers Chairperson, Environmental Protection Committee Chairperson, Supreme Court Chairperson, Prosecutor General, First Deputy Prosecutor General and Deputy Prosecutor General, the Bank of Latvia President, the State Archives General Director, as well as to other positions stipulated by law;
- 6) signs international treaties on the commission of the Supreme Council;
- 7) issues orders within his/her competence; and
- 8) exercises other authorities stipulated by laws or Supreme Council resolutions.

Article 9

When the Supreme Council Chairperson is on leave, or for other reasons cannot temporarily fulfill his/her duties, he/she entrusts his/her obligations to one of his/her deputies.

Article 10

The Supreme Council Secretary:

- 1) supervises the work of Supreme Council employees;
- 2) signs laws, Supreme Council resolutions and other acts adopted by the Supreme Council or the Presidium, and confirms the authenticity of their translation; and
- 3) exercises other authorities stipulated by laws and Supreme Council resolutions.

Article 11

The fifth Saeima convenes its first meeting at 12 noon in Riga on the thirtieth day after its election. The Saeima meeting is opened by the Central Election Committee Chairperson or — on the commission of the Central Election Committee — by one of the Central Election Committee members, and he/she presides over the meeting until the Saeima elects its Chairperson.

Article 12

From the moment of the fifth Saeima convention until the election of its Chairperson, all laws passed by the Saeima are signed and proclaimed by the authorized Saeima member. He/she also signs and proclaims the Law on the Election of the Saeima Chairperson.

The Saeima Chairperson signs and proclaims the laws passed by the Saeima until the election of the State President. He/she also signs and proclaims the Law on the Election of the State President.

Article 13

The Supreme Council appointed deputies continue to work in their respective institutions until the Saeima appoints its members to their positions.

Article 14

This Law, except Articles 11, 12 and 13, is in effect until the convention of the fifth Saeima, when the Republic of Latvia Satversme (Constitution) is implemented to its full extent and authorities of the Supreme Council expire.

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