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State Visit 		▼
Category	State Visit	
Purpose	An invitation of the President of Latvia	
Components	<p>Guard of honour, red carpet on arrival and departure at the airport</p> <p>Official welcoming ceremony at the Riga Castle</p> <p>Official photographs and signing of the Guest Book</p> <p>Exchange of State Decorations (prior agreement of both parties)</p> <p>Exchange of State Gifts</p> <p>Meeting with the President of Latvia and his/ her spouse (if spouse of the guest is present)</p> <p>Discussions between both Heads of State and Delegations</p> <p>Press conference for both Heads of State</p> <p>Flower-laying ceremony at the Monument of Freedom</p> <p>Meeting with the Speaker of the Saeima [Parliament]</p> <p>Meeting with the Prime Minister</p> <p>State Dinner hosted by the President of Latvia and his/her spouse</p> <p>Visit to the Museum of the Occupation of Latvia</p> <p>Meeting with the Chairperson of the Riga City Council</p> <p>Business Forum (as appropriate to the context of the visit)</p> <p>Visit to cultural or other establishments, a public speech</p> <p>Regional tour</p> <p>Reception hosted by visiting state</p> <p>Separate programme for the spouses</p>	
Composition of the foreign delegation	Official delegation 1 (2) + 10, subject to reciprocity	
Responsible institution	The Chancery of the President of Latvia	

Financing	<p>The costs for the official delegation - (Airport VIP lounge, hotel, official meals, transport and interpreter services) are covered by the Latvian side, following the principle of reciprocity</p> <p>Depending on the context of the visit additional expenses may be permitted, which are to be covered by the Latvian side</p> <p>Other expenses are to be covered by the visiting state</p>
The Latvian welcome and farewell party at the airport	<p>The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Latvia to the state concerned</p> <p>The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the state concerned to Latvia</p> <p>The Head of the State Protocol</p> <p>An Officer from the President's Protocol Division</p>
The Latvian welcome and farewell party at the Riga Castle	<p>The President of Latvia and his/her spouse</p> <p>The Speaker of the Saeima</p> <p>The Prime Minister</p> <p>The Minister of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>The Dean of the Foreign Diplomatic Corps resident in Latvia</p> <p>Appropriate ministers and other officials who participate in discussions and are included in the official delegation of the welcoming state</p> <p>The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Latvia to the state concerned</p> <p>The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the state concerned to Latvia</p> <p>The Commander of the National Armed Forces</p> <p>The Head of the President's Chancery</p> <p>The Chairperson of the Riga City Council</p> <p>The Head of the State Protocol</p> <p>Advisors to the President of Latvia</p>
Security	Military police, the Security Service of the President of Latvia

Official Visit 



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Purpose	An invitation of the President of Latvia

Components	<p>Guard of honour, red carpet upon arrival and departure at the airport</p> <p>Official welcoming ceremony at the Riga Castle</p> <p>Official photographs and signing of the Guest Book</p> <p>Exchange of Official Gifts</p> <p>Meeting with the President of Latvia and his/her spouse</p> <p>Discussion between both Heads of States and Delegations</p> <p>Press conference for both Heads of States</p> <p>Official flower laying ceremony at the Monument of Freedom</p> <p>Meeting with the Chairperson of the Saeima</p> <p>Meeting with the Prime Minister</p> <p>Business Forum (as appropriate to the context of the visit)</p> <p>Other meetings at the suggestion of the Latvian side or upon request of the visiting state</p> <p>Official luncheon/ dinner hosted by the President of Latvia and his/her spouse</p> <p>Separate programme for the spouses possible</p>
Composition of the foreign delegation	Official delegation 1 (2) + 10, subject to reciprocity
Responsible institution	The Chancery of the President of Latvia
Financing	<p>The costs for the official delegation - (Airport VIP lounge, hotel, official meals, transport and interpreter services) are covered by the Latvian side, following the principle of reciprocity</p> <p>Depending on the context of the visit additional expenses may be permitted, which are covered by the Latvian side. Other expenses are to be covered by the visiting state</p>
The Latvian welcome and farewell party at the airport	<p>The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Latvia to the state concerned</p> <p>The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the state concerned to Latvia</p> <p>The Head of the State Protocol</p> <p>An Officer from the President's Protocol Division</p>

The Latvian party at the official welcome ceremony at the Riga Castle

The President of Latvia and his/her spouse
The Speaker of the Saeima
The Prime Minister
The Minister of Foreign Affairs
The Dean of the Foreign Diplomatic Corps resident in Latvia
Appropriate ministers and other officials who participate in the discussions and are included in the official welcome party
The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Latvia to the foreign state concerned
The Commander of the National Armed Forces
The Head of the President's Chancery
The Chairperson of the Riga City Council
The Head of the State Protocol
Advisors to the President of Latvia

Security

Military police, the Security Service of the President of Latvia

Category	Working Visit
Purpose	An invitation of the President of Latvia or initiative of the visiting state, as well as for a particular occasion (conference, presentation, commemoration event, etc)
Components	<p>Meeting with the President of Latvia</p> <p>Other meetings at the suggestion of the Latvian side or at the request of the visiting state</p> <p>Individual event (conference, presentation, commemoration ceremony etc.)</p> <p>The exchange of gifts is not provided (with exception of the request of the visiting country, tradition of the state concerned, or a part of the context of the visit)</p> <p>Separate programme for the spouses possible</p>
Composition of the foreign delegation	Official delegation 1 (2) + 3, subject to reciprocity
Responsible institution	<p>The Chancery of the President of Latvia</p> <p>Depending on the content of the visit or the specific event, a particular organiser in charge of the visit or event concerned</p>
Financing	<p>On the principle of reciprocity or at the expense of the visiting state</p> <p>Hotel, Airport VIP lounge, transport for the delegation within the format 1 (2) + 3 is covered by the Latvian side</p>
The Latvian welcome and farewell party at the airport	<p>The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Latvia to the state concerned</p> <p>The Head of the State Protocol</p> <p>An Officer from the President's Protocol Division</p>
Security	Military police, the Security Service of the President of Latvia

Private Visit 

Category	Private Visit
Purpose	An invitation of the Latvian side or initiative of the visiting state
Components	According to the purpose of the visit
Composition of the foreign delegation	As determined by the visiting state
Responsible institution	The Chancery of the President of Latvia, the Embassy of the foreign state concerned
Financing	Expenses of the Airport VIP lounge (for the Head of State and his/her spouse) is covered by the Latvian side Other expenses to be covered by the visiting state
The Latvian welcome and farewell party at the airport	An Officer from the President's Protocol Division
Security	Military police, the Security Service of the President of Latvia

Transit Visit 

Category	Transit Visit
Purpose	Initiative of the state concerned
Components	As determined by the state concerned
Composition of the foreign delegation	As determined by the state concerned
Responsible institution	The Chancery of the President of Latvia, the Embassy of the foreign state concerned
Financing	Expenses of the Airport VIP lounge (for the Head of State and his/her spouse) is covered by the Latvian side Other expenses to be covered by the state concerned
The Latvian welcome and farewell party at the airport	An Officer from the President's Protocol Division
Security	Military police, the Security Service of the President of Latvia

Category	Spouse Visit
Purpose	An invitation of the spouse of the President of Latvia or initiative of the visiting state, as well as for a particular occasion (conference, presentation, commemoration event, etc)
Components	With regard to the purpose of the visit
Composition of the foreign delegation	To be determined by the visiting state
Responsible institution	The Chancery of the President of Latvia Depending on the content of the visit or specific event
Financing	On the principle of reciprocity or by the visiting state
The Latvian welcome and farewell party at the airport	An Officer from the President's Protocol Division

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