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### **New Year Address by H.E. President of Latvia Vaira Vike-Freiberga on public television LTV 1 in the Eve of 2006**

Good evening in Latvia!

Good evening in the very last minutes of 2005!

We can look back at the past year. I suppose it has been a good year. I always urge everybody to think what has been good and pleasant in your life, to think what you will always remember with pleasure. I as the president have had very many moments of joy and pride about what Latvia and Latvians have been able to achieve be it a marathon where a victory is gained or another choir that comes with the first award. There are very many extremely capable and successful people; we have a lot of clever people and I am proud of them all and you can also be proud because their achievements belong to all of us.

I wish everybody good health, joy of life, belief in your own strength and confidence about what is possible to be achieved. And I wish everybody to try to see in their lives all the possibilities the current conditions have given us. That is a Gods gift, that is a gift of fate. Various difficulties and various challenges lie ahead of us; however there are also opportunities and it is in our hands what we will do with the next year. It will be another slice of the hunk allotted to our lives from the time that is destined this coming year and it is in our hands what to make it like. I wish everybody to make it beautiful and successful, such that next year at this time we are able to look back and say that has also been a very good year.

I wish you happy, joyful and successful year of 2006!