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New Year Address of H.E. Dr. Vaira Vike-Freiberga, the President of Latvia, to the people of Latvia on Latvian television at 23.55 on 31 December 2006

Dear compatriots!

We are standing on the threshold of the New Year 2007 and I wish it would be successful and bring all of you what your heart is wishing for and what has been intended! It seems to me that the year ending in 7 is a particularly happy one and to those who have round anniversaries this year I wish it to be particularly blessing and happy.

We measure time according to the road of the Sun and also according to the road of the Earth around the Sun therefore I would like to wish the next would be a particular year of the Sun where the Sun would be the symbol of the Universe blessing to you. The Sun shines equally for all and its light does not differentiate the rich from the poor and the successful from the unsuccessful. The Sun is available to all of us the same way as the blessing of the Universe and that is as a horn of plenty that has no limits – that cannot be emptied; that always contains something new and undiscovered as well as a new blessing. I wish all of you to be the tree of the Sun and the tree of life for yourselves and I wish that in this New Year our strength grew as that of the oak that is rooted in the Latvian soil and may the strength arise from one's own heritage as a Latvian, as an heir of the land who as a tree aspires towards the sky, who is always willing to grow, to make one's life more diverse, beautiful and gorgeous as a tree that breaks into leaf in spring. The tree is always the same; however no two leaves are alike; no two branches grow alike.

May next year be the year of innovation, creativeness and diversity to you, may you feel that every new day brings new possibilities and opportunities, may every day you find yet new unconsumed strength and possibilities in yourselves to make everything you start finish happily and successfully and for every work done you have ten other ones in mind that are as noble, necessary and beneficial, yet most importantly – exciting. I wish all of you the next year of 2007 would bring happiness, peace and harmony to your home as well as success in your work and always the feeling that you are much richer than you have ever realized. May year 2007 be happy and rich!