



JOINT DECLARATION

With the intention of officially restoring bonds of mutual friendship and cooperation, the Holy See, represented by its Special Envoy Archbishop of Meta Audrys J. Backis, and the Republic of Latvia, represented by Minister for Foreign Affairs Jānis Jurkāns, have agreed to consider as re-established, as of today, October 1, 1991, the Diplomatic Relations which have been forcibly suspended since August 5, 1940.

These relations will be at the level of an Apostolic Nunciature on the part of the Holy See and of an Embassy on the part of the Republic of Latvia.

Specific questions of mutual interest calling for bilateral agreements can be resolved by common accord.

Done at Riga, on October 1, 1991 in two original texts in the English language.

For the Holy See

+Audrys J. Backis
Titular Archbishop of Meta
Special Envoy

For the Republic of Latvia

Jānis Jurkāns
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Latvijas Republikas un Svētā Krēsla 01.10.1991. kopīgā deklarācija par diplomātisko attiecību atjaunošanu
Orīnāls. Angļu val. Parakstījis Latvijas Republikas ārlietu ministrs Jānis Jurkāns un Svētā Krēsla titulārais Metas arhibīskaps, īpašais sūtnis Audris Jozs Bačkis.

Joint declaration on the re-establishment of diplomatic relations between the Republic of Latvia and the Holy See,
01.10.1991

Original. Signed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia, Jānis Jurkāns, and the Titular Archbishop of Meta and Special Envoy of the Holy See, Audrys Juozas Bačkis.