



**International Foundation
for Electoral Systems**

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Kristīne Bērziņa
Chairperson
Central Election Commission
Riga, Latvia

Dear Chairperson Bērziņa,

On behalf of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), I would like to express my deepest condolences on the loss of Mr. Arnis Cimdars, a long-standing and respected member of the Central Election Commission and a friend and colleague to many in the international community. We extend our deepest sympathies to you, your colleagues, and Mr. Cimdars' family during this period of mourning.

Arnis was a great supporter of IFES and its mission in Latvia to assist in the development of professional election administration. Through his work and collegiality, he built many relationships and positively influenced election leaders across Europe and Eurasia. Arnis had a profound impact on the many lives he touched, both personally and professionally, and he will truly be missed.

IFES honors the many years of service that Arnis contributed to the development of democracy, and we look forward to continuing our relationship with the CEC through the good example he set. I offer you my support and ongoing partnership at this most difficult time.

With sincere regards,

Anthony Banbury
President