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**Agreement
on a Working Holiday Scheme
between the Government of the Republic of Latvia and
the Government of New Zealand**

The Government of the Republic of Latvia and the Government of New Zealand (“the Parties”) have come to the following agreement for the operation of a Working Holiday Scheme (“the Scheme”) between the two countries:

Responsibilities of the Government of New Zealand

1. The Government of New Zealand, through Immigration New Zealand (part of the Department of Labour), shall, subject to Article 2, on application by a citizen of the Republic of Latvia, issue a temporary visa valid for presentation for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of issue to any person who satisfies each of the following requirements:
 - (a) is a citizen of the Republic of Latvia;
 - (b) satisfies the immigration officer that his/her primary intention is to holiday in New Zealand, with employment being an incidental rather than a primary reason for the visit;
 - (c) is aged between eighteen (18) and thirty (30) years, both inclusive, at the time of application;
 - (d) is not accompanied by dependants;
 - (e) possesses a valid Latvian citizen’s passport;
 - (f) possesses a return ticket, or sufficient funds to purchase such a ticket;
 - (g) possesses sufficient funds for his/her maintenance during the period of stay in New Zealand, at the discretion of the relevant authorities;
 - (h) pays the prescribed visa application fee;

(i) agrees to hold medical and comprehensive hospitalisation insurance to remain in force throughout his/her stay in New Zealand; and

(j) complies with any health requirements imposed by New Zealand.

2. The Government of New Zealand shall issue no more than 100 per annum of the visas mentioned in Article 1 to citizens of the Republic of Latvia, unless it determines otherwise. The Government of New Zealand shall advise the Government of the Republic of Latvia of any such adjustment in writing. An adjustment to the number of visas issued per annum shall not be regarded as a formal amendment to this Agreement.
3. Any citizen of the Republic of Latvia who holds a visa issued pursuant to Article 1 and who is granted permission to enter New Zealand shall, subject to the terms of this Agreement, be able to stay in New Zealand and undertake paid employment for a period of not more than twelve (12) months from the date of entry into New Zealand.
4. The Government of New Zealand shall require any citizen of the Republic of Latvia who has entered New Zealand through the Scheme operating under this Agreement to comply with the laws and regulations of New Zealand and not to engage in employment that is contrary to the purpose of the Scheme. Participants in the Scheme shall not be permitted to engage in permanent employment during their stay and may not work for the same employer for more than three (3) months during the course of their stay. They may enrol in one training or study course of up to three (3) months duration during the course of their visit to New Zealand.

Responsibilities of the Government of the Republic of Latvia

5. The Government of the Republic of Latvia, through the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs, shall, subject to Article 6, on application by a New Zealand citizen, issue a Decision to grant a residence permit and a work permit, valid for presentation for a period of six (6) months from the date of issue to any person who satisfies each of the following requirements:

- (a) is a citizen of New Zealand;
 - (b) satisfies the competent officer of the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs that his/her primary intention is to holiday in the Republic of Latvia, with employment being an incidental rather than a primary reason for the visit;
 - (c) is aged between eighteen (18) and thirty (30) years, both inclusive, at the time of application;
 - (d) is not accompanied by dependants;
 - (e) possesses a valid New Zealand passport;
 - (f) possesses a return ticket, or sufficient funds to purchase such a ticket;
 - (g) possesses sufficient funds for his/her maintenance during the period of stay in the Republic of Latvia, at the discretion of the relevant authorities;
 - (h) pays the prescribed fee;
 - (i) agrees to hold healthcare insurance to remain in force throughout his/her stay in the Republic of Latvia; and
 - (j) complies with any health requirements imposed by Latvia.
6. The Government of the Republic of Latvia shall issue no more than 100 per annum of the Decisions mentioned in Article 5 to citizens of New Zealand, unless it determines otherwise. The Government of the Republic of Latvia shall advise the Government of New Zealand of any such adjustment in writing. An adjustment to the number of such Decisions issued per annum shall not be regarded as a formal amendment to this Agreement.
7. Subject to Article 6, the Government of the Republic of Latvia, shall issue a residence and work permit to any New Zealand citizen who holds a Decision issued pursuant to Article 5 and who satisfies each of the requirements in Article 5. The residence and work permit shall be granted to such person by the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs in Riga without reference to the labour market situation. Any citizen of New Zealand who holds a

residence and work permit issued pursuant to this Article shall, subject to the terms of this Agreement, be able to stay in the Republic of Latvia and undertake paid employment for a period of not more than twelve (12) months from the date of entry into the Republic of Latvia. Citizens of New Zealand who have entered the Republic of Latvia under this Agreement may enrol in one training or study course of up to three (3) months duration during the course of their visit to the Republic of Latvia.

8. The Government of the Republic of Latvia shall require any citizen of New Zealand who has entered the Republic of Latvia under this Agreement to comply with the laws and regulations of the Republic of Latvia, particularly as regards the practice of regulated professions, social welfare, unemployment benefits and social assistance.

General Provisions

9. Either Party may refuse any particular application it receives.
10. Either Party may, consistent with its own law, refuse the entry into its territory of any person participating in the Scheme whom it may consider undesirable or remove any person from the country who has obtained entry under this Agreement.
11. Either Party may, at any time, through diplomatic channels request consultations on the provisions of this Agreement. The other Party shall respond to the request within sixty (60) days. The Agreement shall be subject to a review after a period of two (2) years from the date it comes into force and subsequently as requested by either Party.

Suspension of the Agreement

12. Either of the Parties may temporarily suspend the Agreement, in whole or in part, for reasons of public security, public order, public health or immigration risk. Any such suspension, and the date of its effect, shall be notified to the other Party through diplomatic channels.

Termination of the Agreement