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Transcript of the communication of Prime Minister Laimdota Straujuma at the press briefing of the Prime Minister and President of the European Council, Donald Tusk (English)

First, I'm very glad that Mr Tusk found the opportunity to come to Latvia to the opening of Latvia's Presidency. We discussed the organization of the European Councils this semester, during our presidency, and the possible agendas of the European Councils. We also discussed the issues relating to the Eastern Partnership Summit, and the issues to be discussed during the Summit. I would like to say that we will hold two European Councils - in March and in June.

The European Council in March will, first of all, address the Energy Union that is of utmost importance for us. The key issue to be discussed by the European Council in June will be the European Single Digital Market. Of course, there will be specific additional issues. We cannot avoid security issues, as well as other issues, which might appear on the agenda. Speaking about the Eastern Partnership Summit, Latvia has the following approach – there are six states – Eastern partners, and approach towards each country differs, like each country is different. During this Summit, the main task is to demonstrate that the cooperation between the Eastern Partnership countries and the EU is a value in itself, and that this cooperation is taking place.

Thank you!

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