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L.Straujuma in conversation with the President of the European Council: peace should finally be restored in Ukraine

Brussels, February 12, 2015. Today in Brussels, Prime Minister Laimdota Straujuma, during the meeting with President of the European Council Donald Tusk, expressed hope that the Minsk negotiations on the solution to the military conflict in Ukraine will end with the result that will allow for termination of the armed conflict and further negotiations by diplomatic means with a uniform and steadfast position of the EU. "The war can't go on, peace should finally be restored in Ukraine," said L.Straujuma.

The two officials discussed next steps in fighting terrorism and eliminating its causes. Latvia's presidency, during which the EU Ministers for the Interior and Justice in Rīga developed an action plan to ensure that the EU Member States could fight against terrorism and eliminate its causes more successfully, will continue to actively direct these issues on the agenda of the presidency. L.Straujuma confirmed to D.Tusk, "We will continue work on the EU Passenger Name Record System, the EU Internal Security Strategy, the Information Security Directive, limitation of terrorism financing systems".

Discussing the current developments in the euro area, L.Straujuma expressed hope that Greece will meet its obligations. "Latvia has gone through enormous reforms, which were tough for the society, in order to overcome the crisis, to meet the obligations and return to growth. Therefore we are convinced that it is also possible in other countries, and we are ready to share our experience in reforms with Greece. Our utmost goal is a stable and unified euro area; therefore we will have to come to a solution," said the Prime Minister of Latvia.

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