

Message from In-Ki Joo, President International Federation of Accountants On the Occasion of

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On behalf IFAC (International Federation of Accountants), I extend sincere congratulations to our colleagues at the Association of Accountants of the Republic of Latvia (AARL), and to all its valuable members, on reaching your 25th anniversary milestone.

As you celebrate your shared achievement and honor those past and present who laid AARL's foundations, it is also a moment to reflect on the road ahead and embrace the challenges and opportunities in the next quarter century.

Since 1994, AARL has provided leadership in the development of Latvia's accountancy profession. This was most recently demonstrated in 2018 when AARL was inducted as a Full Member of IFAC, progressing from Associate Member status since 2013. As a Full Member, AARL has demonstrated support for IFAC's core initiatives, including adopting and implementing international standards, improving quality and capacity, supporting the profession, and representing and advocating for the accountancy profession.

In the public interest and to further extend the profession's support for Latvia's economy and international market connectivity, AARL has fostered great collaboration with Latvian academic, professional, and governmental stakeholders on a wide range of issues.

Further, AARL has distinguished itself through cooperation with and membership in other important organizations, including the European Accounting Association, International Association for Accounting Education and Research, the European Institute for Advanced Studies in Management, and Accountancy Europe.

I commend the AARL members and Board Chair, Andrejs Ponomarjovs, for their unceasing efforts to strengthen the profession nationally, regionally, and globally.

Sincerely,

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