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Monsieur Jànis BIRKS
Mayor of RIGA

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Sir,

Next Saturday, take place in your city a large gathering organized by militant associations for the recognition of the human rights and the equality of the gay people, bi and transsexuals.

Thousands of participants are awaited in Riga for this demonstration - a first in the Baltic States in favour of the respect, the assertion and the tolerance towards each individual, whatever is the sexual orientation.

The angevine association Quazar, one of our regular interlocutors on these questions, defends the principle of this gathering with Riga, and supports it through several initiatives, including through the participation of the one of its members.

Knowing that in a close past, some demonstrations were enamelled by incidents, which were extremely violent one, I made a point of underlining the concern which is ours, and our wish to see this day proceeding in calm, serenity, with an organization ensuring at the same time the safety and freedom to express.

I am sure, Mister the Mayor, to find on your premise an favorable echo to my remarks and interrogations, and does not doubt that will know, in bond with the authorities of your country, to reassure all those and those which hope to be able to express in your beautiful European capital their aspiration with more justice, of freedom and right.

Your Sincerely,

Jean-Claude ANTONINI,
Mayor of Angers, Pays de la Loire, FRANCE

