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Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, French Air Force General Stephane Abrial, met with Latvian President His Excellency Valdis Zatlers Wednesday to discuss the cooperation of Allied Command Transformation (ACT) and Latvia in the future, near term and long term, as well as the importance of Latvian armed forces in NATO, and especially within ACT.



"It was a great pleasure to discuss ACT's priorities in implementation of the NATO Strategic Concept that was adopted during the Lisbon Summit with His Excellency Valdis Zatlers" said Abrial.

They also talked about transformation and building partnerships with the other Baltic States and beyond – with the European Union and the United Nations, as well as with non-governmental organisations.

Other topics of discussion between Abrial and Zatlers were the invaluable Latvian military contribution to ISAF, that has been consistent despite the recent financial crisis, as well as Missile Defense and Cyber-Defense.



General Abrial then met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Girts Valdis Kristovskis, the State Secretary of the Ministry of Defence, Janis Sarts, and the Latvian Chief of Defence, Major

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General Raimonds Graube, on Education and Training development. Latvia, in co-operation with ACT and the NATO School will in June host a Comprehensive Operations Planning Course.

Abrial concluded his visit by touring the museum of the occupation of Latvia. The museum was established to remind all that freedom has a price and to salute the sacrifice of all that lost their live to defend it.