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Ladies and gentlemen,

esteemed Minister of Justice, president of the Commercial Court of Latvia, esteemed guests and dear colleagues.

It is my true honor and great pleasure to join you with this video message at the opening ceremony of the Commercial Court of Latvia in the name of the Croatian judiciary and commercial courts in particular.

Going all the way back to Ancient Greece, the great orator Demosthenes would mention in his speeches specialized judges which settled disputes among merchants in Athens. This is a testament of the historical importance of commercial courts~~.~~

The development of democracy and the rule of law depends in large measure on the proper functioning of the judiciary system, which is made more efficient by the specialization of courts.

Commercial courts are playing a significant role in this context. They are not only an important element of judiciary, but also of the economic system, and therefore of the society as a whole.

The exchange of best practices, expertise and knowledgeof national and the European judiciary enhance the functioning of our courts. I am convinced that we will continue our successful collaboration.

To conclude, I would like to congratulate you on the opening of the Commercial Court of Latvia on behalf of the Croatian judiciary and in my capacity as President of the High Commercial Court of the Republic of Croatia.

I welcome you to the Commercial Courts club or rather to our family and wish you fruitful success in the future.
Thank you.

Mario Vukelić Zagreb, 25.03.2021.