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## EUROPEAN COUNCIL APPOINTS NEW EU REPRESENTATIVE FOR CENTRAL ASIA

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The Council of the European Union (EU) appointed Eduards Stiprais as Central Asias new EU Special Representative (EUSR) on Feb. 24.

According to the councils press service, Stiprais will take up his duties on March 1 for an initial twoyear mandate, succeeding Terhi Hakala.

Stiprais, a Latvian diplomat, has served as Latvias Permanent Representative to the EU, Deputy State Secretary [] political Director of the Latvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Head of the EU Delegation to Uzbekistan between 2016 and 2020. He has also been Latvias Ambassador to the United Kingdom and France.

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