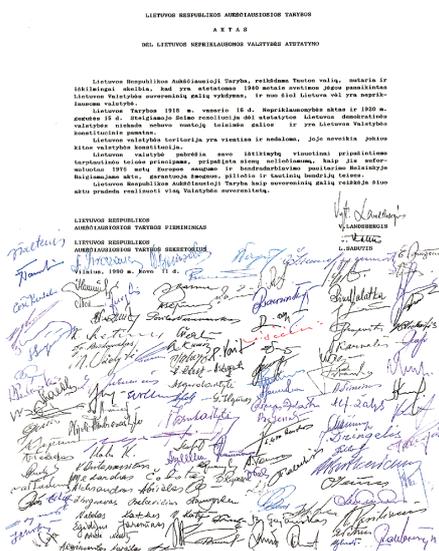


Re-Establishment of the State of Lithuania

The Supreme Council of the Republic of Lithuania signed the Lithuanian Independence Act in 1990 March 11th. The resolution signed by the Council declares that Lithuania becomes an independent state under a democratic basis, the capital being Vilnius and is separated from all state relations with other nations. The Act refers to the Lithuanian Independence Act signed in 1918 February 16, which never ceased to have legal effect.

The Act was signed by Vytautas Landsbergis - the Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Lithuania and by other members of the Council.



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Professor V. Landsbergis has long been a member of the Lithuanian Composers' Union Board and Secretariat. He has published poetry books, memories, audited and published all the works of composer M.K. Čiurlionis for piano. In 1978-1990 Vytautas was a Professor at the Lithuanian Academy of Music.



Events in January 13 (1991)

In 1991, a massive peaceful riot of Lithuanian citizens resisted against the Soviet Union's attempt to seize the Vilnius Television Tower, the Radio and Television Committee building, Parliament building and other objects by force.

A special operations paratrooper group armed with heavy military equipment arrived in order to occupy the previously aforementioned objects. Although some of the military objectives of this group were successful ultimately the Soviet Union failed to finish the operation (to occupy the parliament, to provoke dissension among the citizens of different nationalities in order to present these events as a battle of the two armed sides). The Soviet Union was forced to leave the occupied object.



Lithuania's accession to the European Union.

On the 8th of December 1995, Lithuania submitted its official application for membership to the European Union and officially launched the accession negotiations in February 15th, 2000 and completed it on the 13th of December 2002. On the May 1st 2004 Lithuania became a full member of the European Union. Lithuania's membership in the EU ensures security and political stability and creates favorable conditions for the development of the economy.

