

Statement of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia On Inviting Ukraine to Join NATO

Recalling the conclusions of the 2008 NATO Summit in Bucharest, which affirmed that Ukraine would become a member of the Alliance;

based on the decision adopted at the NATO Summit in Vilnius in July 2023 to abandon the Membership Action Plan as a prerequisite for Ukraine's Euro-Atlantic integration process;

referring to the declaration made at the 2024 NATO Summit in Washington regarding Ukraine's irreversible path to NATO;

in anticipation of the NATO Summit to be held in The Hague on 24–25 June 2025;

taking into account the Agreement on Long-Term Support and Security Commitments signed between Latvia and Ukraine in April 2024, which provides for practical and political support, including in the process of Euro-Atlantic integration;

bearing in mind the consistent position of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia in supporting Ukraine's territorial integrity, sovereignty, and Euro-Atlantic integration,

the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

acknowledges that Ukraine is a close NATO cooperation partner, participating in Alliance exercises, information exchange, and defence cooperation;

emphasises the impact of NATO's consistently implemented open-door policy on the expansion of the area of European security and stability;

expresses its conviction that Ukraine's accession to NATO would constitute a long-term contribution to strengthening European and transatlantic security and stability, in view of Ukraine's fight against Russian aggression. Ukraine's aspiration to join NATO is a strategic choice aimed at sustainable security and the reinforcement of international order, in line with the geopolitical situation. No third country has the right to deny Ukraine this strategic choice;

underlines that extending an invitation to Ukraine does not entail immediate accession, but delivers a politically and morally significant signal of a clear path towards the Alliance, initiating a transparent and gradual integration process in accordance with Allied consensus;

supports inviting Ukraine to join NATO as soon as possible and the continued, swift advancement of Ukraine's accession process to the European Union;

stresses that Latvia's support for Ukraine's Euro-Atlantic integration is grounded in the conviction that a stable Ukraine is a prerequisite for long-term security in Europe and in Latvia;

highlights the potential contribution of Ukraine's integration into NATO to strengthening the Alliance's deterrence and defence capabilities. Ukraine, through its active resistance to aggression, also enhances the security of other countries in the region;

calls on the member states of the Alliance to actively advance the process of inviting Ukraine and to highlight this at this year's NATO Summit in The Hague.