

STATEMENT
OF THE SAEIMA OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

On granting the EU candidate status to Ukraine

The Saeima of the Republic of Latvia:

pursuant to the Statement of the Saeima of 24 February on the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine;

noting Ukraine's request to become a full-fledged Member State of the European Union;

considering that by resisting the military aggression and wide-scale invasion by the Russian Federation, Ukraine is exercising its rights to determine its own future and is fighting for European values;

recognises that every possible option should be employed to help Ukraine withstand the fight to protect its national sovereignty and territorial integrity;

supports granting Ukraine EU candidate status, as well as Ukraine's full-fledged accession to the EU in the future;

considers it particularly crucial and necessary to express explicit support for Ukraine's goal of becoming an EU Member State;

calls on EU institutions to work on granting EU candidate status to Ukraine as soon as possible;

calls on all EU Member States to support Ukraine's efforts to become a full-fledged Member State of the EU and to support granting EU candidate status to Ukraine;

maintains that granting EU candidate status to Ukraine would be a crucial signal of EU solidarity, attesting that Ukraine is a part of Europe, and is now valiantly with all its might fighting for European values;

affirms the readiness of Latvia to provide broad support for Ukraine on its path towards becoming a full-fledged Member State of the European Union.