

## 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.