

SEIMAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

RESOLUTION ON THE GRANTING OF EU CANDIDATE STATUS TO UKRAINE AND UKRAINE'S FULL MEMBERSHIP OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

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The Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania,

having regard to the fact that on 28 February 2022, President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky officially applied for Ukraine's membership of the European Union in accordance with Article 49 of the Treaty on European Union,

building on its Resolution XIV-930 of 24 February 2022 on the Aggression of Russia and Belarus against Ukraine, which was adopted unanimously,

noting that Ukraine has been seeking membership of the European Union for more than a decade and that for the last five years Ukraine has been bound to the European Union by an Association Agreement; therefore, this state's application for membership of the European Union is the result of its persistence in European integration aspirations,

stressing that the granting of candidate status to Ukraine at this time would be an important sign of moral support for its people, who are defending their homeland and right to determine the future of the country by risking their own lives,

being convinced that the admission of a country whose people have shown incredible will and determination in the fight for European values will inspire and strengthen the European Union itself,

supports the granting of EU candidate status to Ukraine and its future full membership of the European Union;

invites all Member States of the European Union to support Ukraine's aspiration to become a full member of the European Union as soon as possible and to agree to the granting of EU candidate status to Ukraine;

calls on the institutions of the European Union to grant EU candidate status to Ukraine without delay and to start negotiations on Ukraine's membership of the European Union;

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considers that the accelerated procedure for accession to the European Union must be applied to Ukraine without any reservations;

reaffirms its readiness to provide Ukraine with all assistance in seeking membership of the European Union.

Speaker of the Seimas

Viktorija Čmilytė-Nielsen