

**APPEAL**  
**of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine**  
**to the European Union member states and institutions**  
**of the European Union regarding granting**  
**European Union candidate status to Ukraine**

Reaffirming the strategic course of Ukraine towards the full membership of Ukraine in the European Union, embedded in the Constitution of Ukraine, defending its right to determine independently membership of Ukraine in international political, economic and security unions,

governed by the will of the Ukrainian people concerning the unprecedented support of Ukraine's accession to the European Union,

referring to the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part,

having regard to previous resolutions of the European Parliament, namely, the European Parliament Resolution of 1 March 2022 on the Russian aggression against Ukraine, the need for urgent European Union action plan to ensure food security within and outside the European Union in the light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine of 24 February 2022, the conclusions of the European Council of 24-25 March 2022, in particular on the latest events concerning the war against Ukraine and the European Union sanctions against Russia and implementation thereof of 7 April 2022, consequences of the war against Ukraine on women of 5 May 2022,

having regard to the Versailles declaration on acknowledging the European aspirations and the European choice of Ukraine, as well as the appeal of the European Council to the European Commission regarding providing its conclusion on obtaining the European Union candidate status by Ukraine without delay,

having regard to the outcomes of the EU-Ukraine summits and constant mutual dialogues at the highest political level,

welcoming the common statement of the presidents of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Poland, the Slovak Republic and the Republic of Slovenia and the presidents of the French Republic, the Italian Republic, Romania and chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany

calling for immediate granting to Ukraine the candidate status for European Union membership,

welcoming the decision of the Council of the European Union on the temporary suspension of all the duties and quotes for export to Ukraine,

welcoming approval by the European Union of the sixth package of restriction measures against Russia,

welcoming the Final Statement and Recommendations the fourteenth meeting of the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee of 9 June 2022, where it was stressed that official candidate status would be a strong political signal that firmly and irreversibly consolidates Ukraine's European path and commitment; such a signal would also strengthen the morale of the Ukrainian nation in its fight against Russia's unjustified and genocidal war of aggression against Ukraine,

welcoming the recommendation of the European Commission of 17 June 2022 that Ukraine be granted candidate status for accession to the European Union,

strongly condemning the full-scale Russian aggression against Ukraine, started on the 24 February 2022, involving infantries, aviation, missile systems and using methods violating the laws and customs of war, in particular using cluster and phosphor bombs aimed at destroying Ukrainian cities and towns and cynical killing of civilians, including children, revealing extreme cruelty and torturing, forced carrying away (deportation) of Ukrainian citizens, including minors to the Russian territory for the purpose of the genocide of Ukrainian people,

emphasising the violation by the aggressor state – the Russian Federation – fundamental principles and provisions of the international law, the laws and customs of the war, which are in particular embedded in the UN Charter and the Geneva Conventions, combined with repeated Russia's threats to the world of using nuclear weapon and capturing of Ukrainian nuclear power stations by the aggressor state,

underlining the special role of national parliaments in promoting European values and efficient communication with their citizens according to Article 12 of the Treaty on European Union and Protocol 1 concerning the role of national parliaments in the European Union,

emphasising that obtaining of the full membership of Ukraine in the European Union is a strategic goal for Ukraine, which Ukrainian people has reaffirmed and paid for with blood; therefore, it is important that the European Union provide a determined response to Ukrainian's choice and grants our country the candidate status

already in June,

stating that granting the candidate status to Ukraine at the end of June 2022 and subsequent integration to the EU would be an important step towards establishing peaceful and prospering Europe.

### **the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine**

addresses the national parliaments, governments of the member states of the European Union and calls:

to support aspirations of Ukraine towards the recognition of its European prospects by granting Ukraine the candidate status for accession to the European Union during the European Council meeting on 23-24 June 2022 pursuant to Article 49 the Treaty on European Union,

to continue standing side by side with the Ukrainian people in their fight for the sovereignty and restoration of the territorial integrity within internationally recognized borders und protection of pan-European values, democracy, pluralism, and fundamental freedoms,

to continue providing maximum possible economic and financial support to Ukraine, in particular for continuous strengthening of the resilience of its democratic institutes and macro financial stability,

to build up military support for Ukraine both at the national level and under the European Peace Facility based on coordinated needs assessment agreed with the Ukrainian authorities to strengthen air, anti-tank and marine defence, as well as protective equipment and protected telecommunication equipment,

to continue providing humanitarian support to Ukraine both at the national level and under the EU Civil Protection Mechanism,

to strengthen severe sanctions pressure on Russia and Belarus through consistent introduction of further sanctions packages, which should include removing Russia from the world financial system, full embargo on the core Russian export products, including oil, gas and coal, and suspending all Russian investments in the European Union's energy sector, including nuclear energy, prohibition of Russian shipping, logistics and access to ports on the territory of the EU member states, as well as introducing individual sanctions against Russian officials and their family members, seizure and subsequent confiscation of their assets in the EU member states,

taking into consideration the exclusive accountability of the Russian Federation for blocking Ukrainian ports and stealing Ukrainian grain, to pay special attention to guarantees of the global food security and take respective measures to ensure unconditional and continuous export of Ukrainian grains,

to investigate and to bring to justice those responsible for war crimes and crimes against humanity, acts of genocide and atrocities against Ukrainians, outright destruction of Ukrainian cities, towns and villages, and civil infrastructure, committed by Russian occupiers. The European Union as the regional leader should be involved in preparation and establishing of the Special Tribunal to investigate the crime of aggression against Ukraine and prosecute representatives of the political and military leadership of the Russian Federation for such crime,

to promote Ukraine's reconstruction, in particular reconstruction of its infrastructure, medical institutions, residential buildings and schools, damaged and destroyed as a result of the Russian armed aggression against Ukraine, and continuing modernization of the state aimed at deepening political and economic integration of Ukraine in the European Union and fulfilment of the Copenhagen criteria, including under the European Union's "Rebuild Ukraine" facility.

Ukraine is grateful to the European Union and EU member states for their political, financial, military and humanitarian support and highly appreciates it. Ukraine also requests not to weaken the EU support until all the territory of Ukraine is liberated and the aggressor state is defeated and punished. Ukraine calls on the European Union to increase purchase and supply of weapons both at the national level and under the European facility.