On February 28, President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky, Speaker of the
Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Ruslan Stefanchuk, and Prime Minister of Ukraine
Denys Shmygal signed an application to join the European Union in accordance with
Article 49 of the Treaty on European Union. At the informal Versailles EU summit
on March 10, the EU Council invited the Commission to submit its opinion on this
application, based on the relevant provisions of the Treaties.

In 2020-2022, Ukraine and the EU already conducted a comprehensive review of the
achieved objectives of the Association Agreement against the Copenhagen criteria.

The significant progress made in economic integration between Ukraine and the EU,
which became possible through implementation of the Deep and Comprehensive Free
Trade Area and resulted in more than 40% of the country's total trade turnover with
EU in 2021.

Ukraine is already involved in European processes through integration into the EU
internal markets, mainly energy market, and joins key EU policy initiatives such as
the European Green Deal. Even amid the military aggression, Ukraine managed to
integrate its unified energy system into the European ENTSO-E after the first test
only.

**Dear Mrs. President,**

The EU membership is an idea that unites the Ukrainian nation and is supported by
all regions of the country without exception. More than 86% of Ukrainians support
the EU integration and believe that Ukraine will become a member of the EU in the
nearest future.

**H.E. Mrs. Roberta METSOLA**
**President of the European Parliament**

**Brussels**
For eight years now, the Ukrainian people have been fighting the aggressor for the right to live in independent and sovereign state, in a society where the fundamental values are respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality and the rule of law. All these years, Ukraine has been a committed promoter of the European values, a country that is holding back the attack of the Putin's autocracy against the democratic Europe.

We are convinced that granting Ukraine a candidate status as soon as possible, that is supported by the majority of citizens across the European Union, will be a sign reaffirming the EU's readiness to continue a resolute fight for the values that are the EU’s foundation and that defend European peoples’ right to choose their own way.

We welcome the call of the European Parliament to the EU institutions to work towards granting EU candidate status to Ukraine in line with Article 49 of the Treaty on European Union, as well as the decision of the European Council to support the European choice of the Ukrainian people and Ukraine's European aspirations in Versailles.

We would kindly ask you to facilitate a quick positive opinion of the European Commission on granting Ukraine a candidate status as the initial step for fast-tracking full-fledged membership in the European Union, which will pave the way for the decision of the European Council to launch pre-accession negotiations with Ukraine.

Today we have a unique opportunity and important historical moment to review Ukraine's role in Europe and to take this important political decision.

The decision of the European Union on Ukraine's urgent accession to the EU will be a key factor in deterring Russian aggression and rewarding Ukrainian nation for its struggle for freedom, democracy and European values.

Sincerely yours,

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