



**STATEMENT OF THE BALTIC ASSEMBLY  
regarding granting Ukraine the official status of candidate country  
for accession to the European Union<sup>1</sup>**

We, the members of the Baltic Assembly, fully endorse the joint statement by the Speakers of the Parliaments of the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania in support of Ukraine's membership for the European Union that was adopted on 8 March 2022. We firmly support granting Ukraine the official status of candidate country for accession to the European Union and in future also full EU membership. Ukraine is an integral part of Europe and in recent weeks resisting the Russian Federation's unprovoked and extremely violent attacks the country has demonstrated its belonging to our democratic union that promotes peace and security in our region.

Today the Member States of the EU have the possibility to show clear support for Ukraine by granting the status of a candidate country and doing everything in their power to ensure that Ukraine becomes a full member of the EU as soon as possible. Such a step will be a clear sign to Ukrainian people that the European community not only supports Ukraine in words but is also ready to take serious steps to ensure the security and development in Ukraine.

The Baltic States are ready to help Ukraine to become a full-fledged member of the EU and invite all the other EU Member States and the institutions to follow this path.

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<sup>1</sup> Proposal: To be sent to the GUAM PA, Benelux Parliament, Nordic Council, parliaments of GUAM and the Baltic States as well as leaders of the EU, and to be published in the BA homepage and social media accounts.