

Support Granting EU Membership Candidate Status for Georgia, Ukraine, and Moldova

The Congress of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party convening in Dublin, Ireland, on 2-4 June 2022:

Notes that:

- on February 28, Ukraine applied for the candidacy for the EU membership;
- on March 3, Georgia and Moldova submitted a formal application for the EU membership;
- on March 11, the European Council invited the European Commission, to submit its opinions on the EU membership applications of Moldova and Georgia;
- discussions on granting candidate status to Accession Trio are scheduled for June 2022, thus creating urgency to act immediately.

Acknowledges:

- the decades of fighting for freedom and democracy by all three nations;
- the historical choice of the people of Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine to join the European Union.

Strongly condemns:

- Russia's ongoing invasion of Ukraine and occupation of Crimea and the Donbass;
- Russia's ongoing occupation of the 20% of Georgian Territories;
- Russia's ongoing occupation of Transnistria, Moldova.

Recognises:

- the importance of continued work to uphold the rule of law, the democratic principle of power distribution, an independent judiciary, media freedom, and the universally recognised fundamental human rights;
- granting Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine the status of EU candidates will be an additional breakthrough to strengthen democracy in respected countries and free them from Russian influences.
- the validity of the countries' compliance with the Copenhagen Criteria as an EU accession requirement.

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- EU Member States in the European Council to grant Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine EU candidate status at the upcoming EU Council/Summit Meeting end of June 2022.

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