

## Statement of the Riigikogu In Support of Ukraine's NATO Membership

Expressing determination to reinforce the sovereignty and territorial integrity of states in Europe and to achieve lasting peace;

believing that the politics of spheres of influence in Europe continues to threaten the security of the continent;

proceeding from the goal set by NATO member states at the Bucharest Summit in 2008 that Ukraine would join the alliance;

taking into account the application for accession to NATO submitted by the Government of Ukraine in 2022;

underlining the need to decisively strengthen the security architecture that has served the security of free and democratic Euro-Atlantic countries well,

supporting the people of Ukraine who are fighting for freedom;

recognising the fact that Ukraine's victory over the Russian Federation, which is waging a war of aggression, and Ukraine's subsequent accession to NATO constitute the only way to ensure the rules-based world order, lasting peace, and security of the democratic countries of Europe,

the Riigikogu considers it vital to take the opportunity at the NATO Vilnius Summit to:

formulate the specific and unambiguous steps necessary for Ukraine's rapid integration into NATO;

grant Ukraine an invitation to join the Alliance.

Lauri Hussar President of the Riigikogu

Tallinn, 17.05.2023