

To: **Marta Kos**, Commissioner for Enlargement

Adam Szlapka, President of the General Affairs Council

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Dear Commissioner,

Dear President of the General Affairs Council,


Enlargement is one of the most powerful instruments of the European Union in pursuing peace, security and stability. Peaceful and prosperous Ukraine is of a strategic importance for the future of our nations and the entire continent. We are convinced that Ukraine's accession to the EU is a crucial investment not only in Ukraine's but all of Europe's security – therefore, it is our shared interest to make this happen as soon as possible. The time has come for ambitious and effective decisions in this regard.

Reaffirming full and unequivocal commitment to the EU membership perspective of Ukraine, we call for accelerating the accession process. We recognize the statement of the President of the Commission Ursula von der Leyen dated February 24, 2025, that Ukraine could join the EU by 2030. Ukraine has shown a remarkable reform progress – it is now time for us to mobilize the efforts to help Ukraine make this happen. We must ensure that accession negotiations are predictable and based on own merits. Bilateral issues that run counter to the Union's overall, strategic interests, must not be used to block progress but rather solved through dialogue in good faith. We emphasize the importance of opening Cluster 1, Fundamentals, as soon as possible, and call for the opening of all the clusters by the end of 2025. We are committed to intensify support for Ukraine's reform efforts on its EU path.

To move forward, we believe there is a need for a strategic vision and practical approach. We invite the Commission to provide concrete proposals on how to decisively advance Ukraine's accession process.

We support all the candidate countries on their path towards the EU.

Signed,


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