

**JOINT STATEMENT**  
**OF**  
**PARLIAMENT OF GEORGIA,**  
**PARLIAMENT OF REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA,**  
**VERKHOVNA RADA OF UKRAINE**  
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Recognising the significance of the Eastern Partnership (EaP) as an effective and strong mechanism for promoting democracy, rule of law and sustainable economic development in the three Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries having signed the Association Agreements (AA) with the EU – Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine;

Reiterating our nations' European aspirations and highlighting the political aim of assisting each other on the European integration path;

Reiterating our commitment to the common values of human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality and rule of law;

Reaffirming that the implementation of Association Agreements/DCFTAs is a key commitment of all three associated partners and recognizing that the process of approximation creates favourable conditions for functional integration of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine with the EU;

Believing that the EU has an ambition to be a solid and credible partner for its immediate Eastern neighbors with the view to geo-political challenges faced by Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, including Russian hard and soft-power; thus being convinced that the Declaration that follows the EaP Summit 2017 shall express unequivocal support to territorial integrity and sovereignty of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, as well as uphold the European choice and agenda of our countries;

Recalling the European Parliament resolution on the implementation of the Association Agreements/ DCFTAs with Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine (2015/3032(RSP)), stating that "the Association Agreements do not constitute the ultimate goal in relations between the EU and Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine..." and that "...pursuant to Article 49 TEU, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine have a European perspective and may apply to become members of the European Union, provided they adhere to the Copenhagen criteria and the principles of

democracy, respect for fundamental freedoms and human and minority rights, and ensure the rule of law;”

Recalling the preambles of Association Agreements between EU and the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Georgia affirming that all three are “European states” and “recognising” their “European aspirations”;

Underlining the need for reflecting the ambitious goals of the AAs in EU cooperation programmes and encouraging the Commission to further enhance assistance including through the support to participation of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine in EU Agencies and Community Programs;

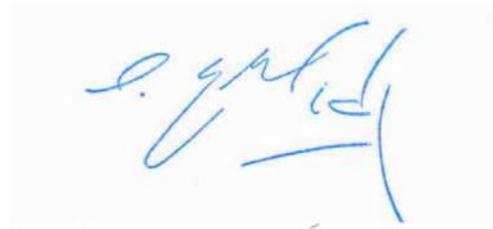
Believing that promoting democracy, stability and sustainable development at EU’s Eastern boarder constitutes the best way for ensuring peace and security in Europe;

**We, the parliaments of Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine** call on the European Parliament to adopt a Resolution prior to the EaP Summit reflecting political support and reaffirming the appeal to the European Council to opening the Perspective of Membership to the three Associated Countries in line with Article 49 of the Treaty of the European Union.

With this ambitious and forward looking statement the EaP Summit Declaration shall carry a powerful signal in the currently strained geopolitical situation and shall become an inspiring instrument to accelerate further progress and democratic transformation of the three associated partners of the EU.

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