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## EU LEADERS VALIDATE UKRAINE & MOLDOVA'S MEMBERSHIP TO EUROPEAN UNION

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Similarly, two Northern other countries Sweden and Finland have expressed their intent to join NATO, which would result in 23 out of 27 EU Member States (Austria, Cyprus, Ireland and Malta do not belong to NATO's military club) being NATO members or aspirants. Indeed, the 27 Member States, have valid by consensus, recognized to Ukraine and Moldova the status of candidate to the EU. As for Georgia, it was granted "a European perspective" which will still have to carry out reforms before obtaining this status.

**PRES. OF EUROPEAN COUNCIL TWEETED IT IS A HISTORIC MOMENT OVER UKRAINE'S ADMISSION TO EU**

"A historic moment," European Council President Charles Michel tweeted right after the decision. "Today marks a crucial step on your path towards the EU." Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy also tweeted this moment to be historic, as far as Ukraine's new relations with EU, proud and glad of this membership "Sincerely commend EU leaders' decision at #EUCO to grant Ukraine a candidate status" it as "a unique and historical moment" in Ukraine-EU relations, he tweeted. As for Ursula Von Der Lyen, the President of the European Commission she also welcomed this double accession for Ukraine and Moldova to the EU and spoke of "a major moment, a very good day for the Europe". This decision "strengthens us all", "it strengthens Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia in the face of Russian aggression", she declared.

**"THIS IS A VERY STRONG SIGNAL WITH REGARD TO RUSSIA", HAS COMMENTED NEARLY MACRON ON THE ACCESSION OF UKRAINE & MOLDOVA TO THE EU**

French President Macron, from Brussels, where he took part in the European Council Summit of June 23/24, 2022, explained that Ukraine's accession to the European Union is a "very strong signal vis-à-vis live in Russia", even if the membership process will take years, before being a member of the club of 27! President Macron, also congratulated the Ukrainian people who defend their homeland, without colluding in Moldova, "We have advanced by leaps and bounds", estimated the French president. "All of this we owe to the Ukrainian people who are fighting to defend our values, their sovereignty, their territorial integrity, we also owe it to Moldova given its political situation, the destabilization it is undergoing and the generosity she was able to demonstrate", continued Emmanuel Macron, without however recalling that the process he had already announced would be long (During his speech on May 9, 2022 in the Parliament of Strasbourg at the Conference on the future of Europe) " The process that is taking place will be demanding".

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