



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senat for its opinion on 'Ukraine's European aspirations', adopted on 9 March 2022.

The European Commission condemns in the strongest possible terms Russia's unprovoked and unjustified military aggression against Ukraine. By its war of aggression against Ukraine, Russia is grossly violating international law and the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, undermining European and global security and stability, and showing a complete and utter disregard for human life. Ukraine belongs to the European family and the European Union as a whole stands in solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

On 28 February 2022, President Zelenskyy submitted the application of Ukraine to become a member of the European Union. The Council decided to invite the Commission to prepare an opinion on this application. On 11 March, the EU heads of state or government endorsed this decision in the informal leaders meeting in Versailles.

The Commission has swiftly started to work on the opinion. In this context, on 8 April, during her visit to Kyiv, President von der Leyen handed to President Zelenskyy the first part of the questionnaire focussing on the political and economic criteria and on 13 April the Commission sent to Ukraine the second part of the questionnaire focussing on the EU acquis. The replies submitted by Ukraine to both parts of the questionnaire (on 18 April and on 9 May respectively) are being assessed by the Commission services with a view of presenting the opinion ahead of the European Council meeting in June. Further decisions in this process will be for the Council to take.

In the meantime, we will further strengthen our bonds and deepen our partnership to support Ukraine in pursuing its European path.

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The Commission would like to thank the Senat for all its efforts to support Ukraine in these difficult times and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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