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Dear Speaker,

The Commission would like to thank the Riksdag for its Opinion on the applications for EU membership of Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova.

On 28 February 2022, Ukraine submitted an application to become a member of the European Union, and on 3 March Georgia and Moldova also formally applied for the EU membership. The Council decided to invite the Commission to prepare Opinions on these applications. On 11 March, the EU leaders endorsed this decision at their informal meeting in Versailles.

The Commission worked swiftly on the Opinions and presented them on 17 June, after a careful, factual and robust assessment of the merit of each of these applications on the basis of the Copenhagen criteria. The Commission recommended that Ukraine and Moldova both be given the perspective to become a member of the European Union. Each should also be granted candidate status on the understanding that steps are taken in a number of areas. In the case of Georgia, the Commission recommended to give the perspective to become a member of the European Union. It should be granted candidate status once a number of priorities have been addressed.

We welcome that, on 23 June, EU leaders endorsed the recommendations of the Commission deciding to grant the status of candidate country to Ukraine and to the Republic of Moldova, and the European perspective to Georgia.

The path towards the EU is based on well-established criteria that applicant countries need to meet, which will require time and substantial effort. In the meantime, we will further strengthen our bonds and deepen our partnerships with the three countries.

Finally, the Commission concurs with the Riksdag on the need to support the reconstruction of Ukraine. The EU's immediate response and the long-term

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reconstruction framework are set out in the Commission's Communication 'Ukraine – Relief and reconstruction'¹.

The Commission would like to thank the Riksdag for all its efforts to support Ukraine, as well as Moldova and Georgia, in these challenging times and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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¹ COM(2022) 233 final