

JOINT STATEMENT

of the President of Latvia Egils Levits,

President of Lithuania Gitanas Nausėda, President of Poland Andrzej Duda,

President of Romania Klaus Iohannis

on the regional security and European integration

Kaunas (Lithuania)

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Acknowledging existing and potential security threats and challenges to Euro-Atlantic community,

noting Russia's unprovoked and unjustified military aggression against Ukraine,

taking note of the Declarations of NATO Summits in Madrid (2022) and Bucharest (2008),

Acknowledging the importance of Eastern partners to security and stability of the region,

stressing the common need to counter Russia's policy of revisionism and attempts to rewrite history,

the Presidents of Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Romania:

- agree to coordinate closely their efforts to increase regional security and strengthen defence capabilities,
- welcome the significant achievements of Ukraine in advancing on the path of European and Euro-Atlantic integration,
- confirm their commitment to strengthen joint efforts in supporting the European integration of the Republic of Moldova and welcome the progress made by the Republic of Moldova on this path,
- underline their readiness to work with Georgia towards granting the status of candidate country once the priorities specified in the Commission's opinion on Georgia's membership application have been addressed,
- support European Council decisions to accelerate EU enlargement process of Western Balkan countries based on their progress towards implementing accession requirements,
- confirm their commitment to strengthen joint efforts in supporting the integration of Ukraine with the Alliance and implementation of NATO standards,
- declare that Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Romania will continue to promote Alliance's political and practical support to Ukraine aimed at ensuring Ukraine's ability to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity,

- express readiness to further strengthen their coordination efforts in providing comprehensive political, military, technical, and humanitarian support to Ukraine,
- support upgrading strategic relationship with Ukraine, further advancing Ukraine's Euro-Atlantic integration, and confirming their unwavering support for Ukraine to become NATO Member as soon as conditions allow,
- stress the need for further common efforts to shore up the security, stability and resilience of the Republic of Moldova, as an important contribution to increasing regional security,
- agree to strengthen cooperation in fighting disinformation and Russia's attempts to rewrite history and call on the international community to recognize crimes committed by the Stalinist regime, including the Holodomor of 1932–1933 in Ukraine.