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Joint Declaration of the Presidents of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in support of Moldova's Accession to the European Union

We, the Presidents of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, met today in Chişinău, at the invitation of President Maia Sandu, to celebrate the Independence Day of Moldova and to reaffirm our unwavering support for Moldova's European integration.

Twenty years ago, our countries joined the European Union, marking a pivotal moment in our history. Since then, we have enjoyed transformative benefits in all spheres of life. Our membership in the European Union has strengthened the rule of law and democracy in our countries, enhanced our security, and enriched the lives of our citizens. It brought economic growth and expansion of our economies, infrastructure modernisation, social development and cultural enrichment.

Today, we stand united with Moldova, a country that shares our values. We welcome the European aspirations of the Republic of Moldova and recognise the significant progress Moldova has made on its path towards European integration. We commend the steadfast efforts of the Moldovan people and their leadership in advancing democratic reforms, upholding the rule of law, and promoting human rights.

The experiences and achievements of our countries are proof of the profound and positive impact that EU integration can have on the Republic of Moldova and its people. Our countries will continue to share their experiences and provide Moldova with expertise to support Moldova's European integration and reforms and to strengthen Moldova's resilience against hybrid threats and disinformation.

We acknowledge Moldova's growing contribution to regional and European peace. We commend swift and dignified accommodation of Ukrainian refugees by the Moldovan government and society. Moldova's increased participation in various EU and UN missions is an important contribution to stability and security on the European continent and worldwide.

We are committed to deepening our bilateral cooperation in areas such as trade, investment, energy, security, education, and cultural exchange, further strengthening the ties between our peoples. We believe that a united, democratic, and prosperous Moldova is not only beneficial for its citizens but also strengthens the entire European continent. We fully support Moldova's future membership in the EU.

On this significant day, as Moldova celebrates its independence, we look forward to the day when Moldova will join the European Union family, fully realising its potential and aspirations. Together, we will work towards a brighter, more inclusive, and prosperous future for all our countries.

Signed by

Alar Karis,
President of Estonia

Edgars Rinkēvičs,
President of Latvia

Gitanas Nausėda,
President of Lithuania