



SEIMAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

RESOLUTION ON ASPIRATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND AND THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN TO NATO MEMBERSHIP

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The Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania,

taking into consideration the fact that the people of the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden strongly condemn the war of Russia and Belarus against Ukraine, are concerned about the dramatically deteriorating security situation in Europe, advocate the accession of their countries to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (hereinafter: NATO), and call upon their governments to apply for NATO membership in the near future,

noting that Finland and Sweden are reliable and long-standing NATO partners and their political, economic and defence potential is an important factor in ensuring the security and defence of the Alliance as a whole, including, *inter alia*, the region of the Baltic and Nordic countries,

convinced that Finland and Sweden comply with all the political, military and other requirements for NATO membership and are capable of fulfilling the obligations resulting from NATO membership,

welcomes the parliamentary discussions of Finland and Sweden on possible accession to NATO;

invites Finland and Sweden to exercise their sovereign rights to apply for NATO membership;

stresses that no third country has the right to veto in any form the freely expressed will of Finland, Sweden or any other European country meeting the criteria of the North Atlantic Treaty to pursue NATO membership;

notes that, following the change in the security situation in the Baltic region due to the war of Russia and Belarus against Ukraine and the loss of Belarus' sovereignty, the accession of Finland and Sweden to the defence Alliance would significantly improve the security and defensibility of these and other countries in the region as well as of the Alliance as a whole;

looks forward to a swift and smooth accession process and to the ratification by the parliaments of the NATO member countries of the Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty on the Accession of Finland and Sweden, once Finland and Sweden have decided to join NATO and the North Atlantic Council has given its consent to the invitation;

expresses its determination to ensure the smooth ratification of these Protocols by the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania.

Speaker of the Seimas

Viktorija Čmilytė-Nielsen