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FAC Chairs Call for Full Implementation of Bucharest NATO Summit Decisions on Ukraine's NATO Membership

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We, the Chairs of our respective parliament's Foreign Affairs Committees, *recognise* the importance of fully implementing Bucharest decisions and permanently eradicating grey security areas in Europe, as well as the current uncertainty surrounding Ukraine's NATO membership, as this encourages further Russian aggression, impedes the successful democratic development of the entire region and jeopardises the rules-based international order, *draw attention* to the fact that Ukraine's membership in NATO would consolidate sustainable peace not only in Ukraine but also in Europe as a whole, demonstrating that Russia has no veto power over NATO's enlargement, that Ukraine is free to choose which security and defence organizations to align with, and that Ukraine is not in Russia's sphere of influence, *considering* that the democratic world is increasingly threatened by the fragmentation of the rules-based international order and that the window of opportunity to build a whole and free Europe and defend the rules-based international order is closing, *looking forward* to the historic significance of the Vilnius NATO Summit in sending a clear message that autocracies are failing to undermine global democracy and peace, that it is only through NATO's efforts that peace has lasted for nearly 75 years, *highlighting* the fact that Ukraine's victory over Russia's aggression and Ukraine's membership in NATO would consolidate sustainable peace not only in Ukraine but also in all of Europe and globally in maintaining the rules-based international order; *noting* that the Euro-Atlantic values that unite NATO member countries are currently being defended and protected, first and foremost, by the heroic resistance of the Ukrainian people to the aggressor, and that Ukraine is now a security provider, and Ukraine's membership in NATO would significantly strengthen the Alliance, *emphasising* the fact that Ukraine's membership in NATO would be far more effective and less costly than the current defence assistance currently provided to Ukraine.

Therefore we call NATO and its Heads of States and Governments to make the NATO Vilnius Summit to create a clear path for Ukraine accession to NATO and give clear and strong security guarantees for Ukraine.

We are confident that Ukraine's NATO membership would greatly contribute to the Alliance's security and would help the Russian society to finally get rid of the imperial dreams, which Putin is using to consolidate his regime.

Accordingly, we should increasingly deeper integration of Ukraine into NATO's structures and processes prior to Ukraine's accession to NATO.

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