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Subject: Conditions for and consequences of Ukraine’s accession to the European Union

On 28 February 2022, Ukraine applied for European Union membership. The European Council granted candidate country status to Ukraine on 23 June 2022, and opened formal accession negotiations on 15 December 2023.

The Russian Federation launched a military invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022. To date, it occupies some 18% of Ukrainian territory and maintains an active front line of a thousand kilometres.

In view of this:

1. Is the Council of the opinion that a country at war and under partial occupation, as Ukraine is, satisfies the stability criteria set in the conclusions of the 1993 European Council?

2. Is the Council therefore of the opinion that Ukraine could join the European Union even while the war of aggression against it continues, or, on the contrary, that peace is a prerequisite to its accession?

3. If the former is true, and in light of Article 42(7) of the Treaty on European Union, what legal and practical consequences does the Council consider the accession of a country in a state of defensive war would have for other Member States, including as regards the possible obligation to join the war at Ukraine’s side?

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