

Baroness Catherine Ashton
High Representative of the European Union
for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
Vice President of the European Commission

Mr. Štefan Füle
European Commissioner
for Enlargement and European Neighborhood Policy

5 March 2013

Dear High Representative,
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At the summit in Vilnius on 29 November 2013 the EU took note of the decision made by the former Ukrainian Government to suspend temporarily the process of preparations for signature of the Association Agreement and Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area between the EU and Ukraine. We also took note of the unprecedented public support for Ukraine's political association and economic integration with the EU. Furthermore, we agreed that the Association Agreements, including DCFTAs, are designed to support far reaching political and socio-economic reforms and facilitate comprehensive approximation towards the EU, its rules and standards.

We decided at the same time, and repeated on numerous occasions ever since that the EU would remain committed to Ukraine's political association and economic integration, and to signing the AA/DCFTA between the EU and Ukraine, as soon as Ukraine is ready.

Stating its political programme, the new legitimate Government of Ukraine sent a very strong political message by declaring the continuation of the process of political and economic integration with the EU its main foreign policy priority, and expressed its firm determination to sign the AA/DCFTA as soon as possible.

Acknowledging the strong wish of the Ukrainian people and the Government, we the Visegrad Countries firmly believe that it is the moral duty of the EU to start preparations for the act of signature of the AA/DCFTA between the EU and Ukraine without any undue delay.

Sincerely,

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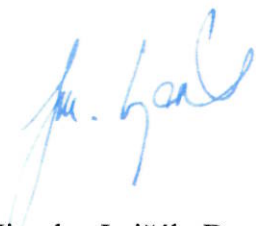
Lubomír Zaorálek, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. Martonyi', with a stylized 'M' and a flourish.

János Martonyi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Hungary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Sikorski', with a large, stylized 'S'.

Radosław Sikorski, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M. Lajčák', with a stylized 'L' and 'č'.

Miroslav Lajčák, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic