

Ukraine President Petro Poroshenko in February 2019 Signed Constitutional Amendment Committing the country to becoming a Member of NATO and the European Union

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*[Ukrainian **President Petro Poroshenko** has signed a constitutional amendment committing the country to becoming a member of NATO and the European Union.](#)*

Addressing parliament on February 19, Poroshenko said he saw securing Ukraine’s membership in NATO and the EU as his “strategic mission.”

Ukraine should “submit a request for EU membership and receive a NATO membership action plan no later than 2023,” the president told the Verkhovna Rada.

However, he acknowledged that his country needs to come a “long way” to meet the criteria of joining both institutions.

European Council President Donald Tusk attended the signing of the constitutional amendment in the parliament building.

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