Turkey's Accession to the European Union

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The Republic of Latvia is highly supportive to the Turkey's accession to the European Union and believes that Turkey's accession provides improvement of European Union member states in many aspects such as economical and international security.

Turkey recognized the independence of Latvia in 1925. Following the re-establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries in 1991, Treaty on Friendship and Cooperation was signed in 1994 between Latvia and Turkey.

Turkey's European Union membership process began in 1963 and have been continued until today with progression and sometimes stagnation. However accession dialoguing have been reached a stalemate since 2016, the importance of Turkey's membership to European Union increased for the world peace meanwhile. Turkey has been a strong security and defense partner for the European Union member countries, especially on these critical days caused by the invasion of Russia to Ukraine. Turkey acts as a peace bridge either between Middle East and Europe or Russia and Europe.

When we consider from the economical aspect we believed that Turkey's growing young and educated human resources supported European Union member countries positively. Post-pandemic process brings the economical difficulties to all the world countries. Petrol and natural gas crisis are thought to be getting closer. Turkey should be considered as a new corridor for energy transportation from middle-east for the European Union member countries.

Beside this Turkey has been a member of NATO like many European Union member countries since the year 1952. As a member of NATO, Turkey's accession to the European Union should strengthen the dynamism of European Union member states.

In a consequence, The Republic of Latvia supports the accession of Turkey to the European Union. Turkey is a good long-term partner for the European Union according to the Republic of Latvia.