

## UKRAINE, GEORGIA AND MOLDOVA TAKE BIG STEP TOWARD CLOSER TIES WITH THE EU



Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova took a big step toward closer ties with the European Union as they signed Association Agreements at the European Council meeting in Brussels today.

These ambitious agreements “will enable our partner countries to drive reforms, to consolidate the rule of law and good governance; and to give an impetus to economic growth in the region by granting access to the world’s largest internal market and by encouraging cooperation across a wide range of sectors,” stressed European Commission President José Manuel Barroso.

European Council President Herman Van Rompuy pointed out that these “are not just any other agreements – but milestones in the history of our relations and for Europe as a whole. In Kiev and elsewhere, people gave their lives for this closer link to the European Union. We will not forget them.”