
GOVERNMENT BACKS ARMENIA'S EU MEMBERSHIP BID, ANGERING RUSSIA

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Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyans government officially announced that it will back a bid for Armenias membership in the European Union, prompting Moscow to threaten Armenias status in the Russia-led Eurasian Economic Union.

The government on Thursday essentially backed a bill on the start of a process of Armenias accession to the European Union drafted by several political and civic groups, which collected around 60,000 signature in support of the measure.

The EU has expressed strong political support for Armenias democracy on various occasions, Foreign Minister Ararat Mirzoyan said during a weekly cabinet meeting in Yerevan. The EU has expressed its willingness and has in fact been involved in ensuring a security environment around Armenia.

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