

Poroshenko: Ukraine Seeking NATO Membership Action Plan **Ukraine**

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From RFE/RL, Mar 10, 2018 Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has reiterated that Kyiv is seeking a Membership Action Plan (MAP), a formal step toward joining NATO. Poroshenko, in a post on Facebook on March 10, said a MAP was Ukraine's "next ambition" on the path toward eventual membership in the 29-country Western alliance. "This is what my letter to Jens Stoltenberg on February 2018 was about, where, with reference to Article 10 of the North Atlantic Treaty, I officially [set out] Ukraine's aspirations to become a member of the Alliance," Poroshenko wrote. A Membership Action Plan is a multistage process of political dialogue and military reform to bring a country in line with NATO standards and to eventual membership. The process can take several years. Poroshenko's comments came after NATO updated its website to include Ukraine alongside three other countries -- Bosnia-Herzegovina, Georgia, and Macedonia -- that have declared their aspirations to NATO membership [⋮] [https://www.rferl.org/a/nato-ukraine-p ... action-plan/29090212.html](https://www.rferl.org/a/nato-ukraine-p...action-plan/29090212.html) Photo courtesy Presidential Press Office