

# Path to NATO Membership

NATO members have agreed to invite Sweden and Finland to join the military alliance, reinforcing its eastern front with Russia after Turkey dropped its opposition to the Nordic countries' bids



■ **Jun 28:** Turkey lifts opposition to Sweden and Finland joining NATO. Leaders sign goodwill memorandum brokered by NATO's **Jens Stoltenberg** (right)

■ **North Atlantic Council:** Considers whether to move forward with accession

■ **Membership Action Plan:** Programme helps nations prepare for membership

■ **Accession protocols:** NATO prepares changes to founding **Washington Treaty** – NATO officials are pushing to fast-track process in six months

■ **Ratification:** All 30 NATO members must ratify accession protocols

■ **Membership: Secretary General Stoltenberg invites Sweden and Finland to join alliance**

