
ARMENIA'S PARLIAMENT APPROVES MOVE TOWARD EU ACCESSION PROCESS

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Armenian lawmakers approved a draft legislation to launch the process leading to the country's EU accession process on Wednesday.

Local media reported that 63 members of parliament in the country in the South Caucasus supported the move, while seven voted against it. The bill is based on a citizens' initiative that collected 60,000 signatures in favor of it. A second reading is still pending.

The government of the former Soviet republic introduced the bill in early January. The pro-Western Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan said at the time that Armenia could only become an EU member if Armenians voted in favor of it in a referendum.

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