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## FINLAND CLEARED TO JOIN NATO FOLLOWING TURKISH VOTE

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The Turkish parliament on Thursday unanimously ratified Finlands accession to NATO, effectively allowing Helsinki to join the military alliance but leaving Sweden out in the cold.

Finland could now become a formal member of NATO within days.

All 30 NATO members have now ratified Finlands membership, Finnish President Sauli Niinistö tweeted. I want to thank every one of them for their trust and support. Finland will be a strong and capable Ally, committed to the security of the Alliance, he said.

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