
ARMENIA WANTS TO JOIN CHINA-LED GROUPING

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Nearly three months after committing itself to seeking Armenias membership in the European Union, the Armenian government announced on Thursday plans to join the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, a China-led grouping of 10 Eurasian states.

Sharing the founding principles of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, namely territorial integrity, non-use of force and inviolability of borders, the Republic of Armenia has expressed a desire to become a member of the SCO, the Armenian Foreign Ministry said in a one-sentence social media post.

The move was announced one week after Foreign Minister Ararat Mirzoyans visit to China. Mirzoyan and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi reportedly agreed to strive to upgrade Chinese-Armenian relations to strategic partnership.

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