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U.S. and Europe Complete Military Plans for Ukraine

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Military leaders from the United States, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom, and Ukraine have concluded planning military options intended to strengthen Ukraine's post-war security. According to a statement from U.S. military officials, these options will be presented to each country's national security adviser for consideration in upcoming diplomatic talks.

The meetings were held in Washington, D.C., between Tuesday and Thursday. The plans follow President Donald Trump's recent pledge to support Ukraine's security as part of any eventual peace agreement to end the conflict with Russia.

Officials involved in the discussions highlighted several potential approaches. One includes deploying European forces in Ukraine under U.S. command and control, while others involve increased U.S. support through air defense systems or the potential enforcement of a no-fly zone using U.S. fighter aircraft. President Trump has ruled out sending U.S. ground troops but has left open the possibility of other forms of American military involvement.

France's President Emmanuel Macron, British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, and German Chancellor Friedrich Merz have expressed openness to limited troop deployments as part of a coalition effort to stabilize the region after a settlement. However, the head of Germany's soldiers' union warned that any peacekeeping force would likely require tens of thousands of troops stationed in Ukraine for an extended period to be effective.

Russia's Foreign Ministry has rejected any proposal involving NATO forces in Ukraine, insisting that such moves would threaten its national security. Moscow maintains that its

actions in Ukraine, which it calls a “special military operation,” are aimed at countering NATO’s eastward expansion and Western military support for Kyiv. Ukraine and its allies argue that the invasion represents an illegal attempt to seize territory.

While these plans mark a step toward defining Ukraine’s future security arrangements, significant questions remain. U.S. and European planners acknowledge that it will take time to finalize measures that are both militarily feasible and diplomatically acceptable, particularly to Moscow.

The finalized proposals will now undergo review by national security advisers from each participating country as diplomatic negotiations continue.