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NATO Endorses U.S. Led Command to Speed Military Support for Ukraine

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NATO has approved the establishment of a new U.S. initiated command structure aimed at accelerating military aid and training for Ukraine. Agreed, during the NATO summit in Washington, the framework transfers operational control from the U.S. to the alliance, creating a more unified and enduring approach to supporting Kyiv.

The new body, known as NATO Security Assistance and Training for Ukraine (NSATU), is now responsible for overseeing equipment deliveries, coordinating logistics, and supporting training efforts. Headquartered in Wiesbaden, Germany, the command comprises around 700 personnel and works through key logistics hubs in Poland and Romania. It has already assisted in the training of over 25,000 Ukrainian soldiers and manages more than 6,700 tonnes of military supplies each month.

The shift is intended to enhance consistency and reduce dependence on U.S. bilateral aid, especially as uncertainty surrounds future American foreign policy decisions. Although the United States retains political leadership of the wider Ukraine Defense Contact Group, NSATU now leads daily operations. It matches military donations to Ukraine's battlefield requirements, facilitates delivery routes, and organises maintenance and sustainment for donated equipment. Member nations remain responsible for delivering training, but NSATU now provides the overarching structure for aligning those efforts.

The decision reflects a growing recognition among NATO allies of the need to institutionalise support for Ukraine and prepare for potential shifts in national politics that could disrupt assistance. By placing the command within NATO, officials aim to protect the flow of military aid from short-term political fluctuations.

The new structure signals a longer-term strategy to support Ukraine, moving beyond emergency responses toward a sustained commitment rooted in NATO's collective framework. Alliance leaders say the change strengthens transatlantic unity and ensures that Ukraine receives reliable and coordinated support as the war continues.