11-12 October 2023
Meeting of NATO Ministers of Defence
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NATO HQ - BRUSSELS

MEDIA PROGRAMME

Access is limited to journalists with annual accreditation and those who have registered and been notified that they can cover the meeting in person. For more information, please consult the media advisory.

***** 10 October 2023 *****

14:00 – 17:00 NATO Site entrance. Media can collect passes for access to the Ministerial. Annually accredited journalists can enter with their annual badges.

14:00 – 18:00 Media centre opening hours.

***** 11 October 2023 *****

07:00 – 18:30 NATO Site entrance. Media can collect passes for access to the Ministerial. Annually accredited journalists can enter with their annual badges.

07:00 – 21:00 Media centre opening hours.

08:30 – 11:00 Distribution of pool cards: Information desk (Public Square, floor 1).

Pool cards for the meeting of the Ukraine Defense Contact Group will be distributed directly by the US Mission to NATO, please contact Ieva Labanauskiene (labanauskienei@state.gov) to register your interest.

DOORSTEPS – NATO OFFICIAL ENTRANCE

± 08:30 **Doorstep statement by the NATO Secretary General**

- Available live on the NATO website, on CCTV, EBU Worldfeed, to EBU news exchange, as well as NATO News on YouTube, and afterwards on natomultimedia.tv.

From 08:45 **Ministers' arrivals and doorstep statements**

- Available live on the NATO website, on CCTV, EBU Worldfeed, to EBU news exchange, and afterwards on natomultimedia.tv.

MEETING OF THE UKRAINE DEFENSE CONTACT GROUP

09:30 Pool meeting point in front of the Press shop – ground floor Public Square. Pools A and B of visual media depart to cover the beginning of the meeting.

10:00 **Meeting of the Ukraine Defense Contact Group**

Pools A and B to cover the beginning of the meeting.

Public opening remarks by the US Secretary of Defense and NATO Secretary General

- Available live on CCTV, EBU Worldfeed and to EBU news exchange.

NATO-UKRAINE COUNCIL MEETING

15:30 Pool meeting point in front of the Press shop – ground floor Public Square. Pools 1 and 2 of visual media depart to cover the meeting.

16:00 – 18:00 **Meeting of the NATO-Ukraine Council in Defence Ministers' Session, together with the Defence Minister of Sweden.**

Pools 1 and 2 to cover the beginning of the meeting.

Public opening remarks by the Secretary General.

- Available live on the NATO website, on CCTV, EBU Worldfeed and to EBU and news exchange.
- Video, photos and transcript will be available afterwards on the NATO website, and on natomultimedia.tv.

SIGNING CEREMONY

17:35 Pool meeting point in front of the Press shop – ground floor Public Square. Pool 3 of visual media depart to cover the signing ceremony.

18:05 **Signing ceremony – Allies join NATO Flight Training Europe (NFTE).**

Pool 3 to cover the beginning of the meeting.

Public opening remarks by the Deputy Secretary General.

- Information about this meeting, as well as photos and video of the Deputy Secretary General's remarks, will be available afterwards on the NATO Website and natomultimedia.tv.

SIGNING CEREMONY

17:50 Pool meeting point in front of the Press shop – ground floor Public Square. Pool 4 of visual media depart to cover the signing ceremony.

18:20 **Signing ceremony – Allies join European Sky Shield Initiative (ESSI)**

Pool 4 to cover the beginning of the meeting.

Public opening remarks by the Deputy Secretary General.

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NATO SECRETARY GENERAL'S PRESS CONFERENCE

±18:30 **Press conference by the NATO Secretary General**

- Open to all media representatives.
- Available live in multiple languages on the NATO website, CCTV, on EBU Worldfeed, to EBU news exchange, as well as NATO News on YouTube.
- Video, photos and transcript will be available afterwards on the NATO website, and on natomultimedia.tv.

Note: *National delegations may organise their own media briefings during the Ministerial meeting. For information, please contact the national delegations directly.*

***** 12 October 2023 *****

06:30 – 15:15 NATO Site entrance. Media can collect passes for access to the Ministerial. Annually accredited journalists can enter with their annual badges.

07:00 – 17:00 Media centre opening hours.

DOORSTEPS – NATO OFFICIAL ENTRANCE

07:00 – 08:00 **Ministers' arrivals and doorstep statements**

- Available live on the NATO website, on CCTV, EBU Worldfeed, to EBU news exchange, and afterwards on natomultimedia.tv

SHORT REMARKS BY THE NATO SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE US SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

± 07:30 **Short remarks by the NATO Secretary General and the US Secretary of Defense**

Pool F will cover the beginning of the meeting. Pool access is by invitation only. The pool will depart from the pool meeting point (Public Square, ground floor) at 07:00

- Available live on the NATO website, CCTV, EBU Worldfeed and to EBU news exchange.
- The Secretary General's remarks, as well as photos and videos from this event, will be available afterwards on the NATO website as well as natomultimedia.tv

MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL IN DEFENCE MINISTERS' SESSION, TOGETHER WITH THE DEFENCE MINISTER OF SWEDEN AND THE DEFENCE MINISTER OF ISRAEL

08:00–09:00 **Meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Defence Ministers' Session, together with the Defence Minister of Sweden and the Defence Minister of Israel (via VTC).**

- Photos will be available afterwards on the NATO website

MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL IN DEFENCE MINISTERS' SESSION

09:00 Pool meeting point in front of the Press shop – ground floor Public Square. Pools 5 and 6 of visual media depart to cover the meeting.

09:30-11:30 **Meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Defence Ministers' Session together with the Defence Minister of Sweden**

Pools 5 and 6 to cover the beginning of the meeting

Public opening remarks by the Secretary General

- Available live on the NATO website, on CCTV, EBU Worldfeed and to EBU news exchange.
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OFFICIAL PHOTO

11:05 Pool meeting point in front of the Press shop – ground floor Public Square.

Pool 7 of visual media only departs to cover the Official Photo of NATO Ministers of Defence.

±11:35 **Official Photo of the NATO Defence Ministers of Defence and Sweden's Minister of Defence.**

- Available live on the NATO website, CCTV, EBU Worldfeed, to EBU news exchange, and afterwards on the NATO website, and on natomultimedia.tv

MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL IN DEFENCE MINISTERS' SESSION

12:00 Pool meeting point in front of the Press shop – ground floor Public Square. Pools 8 and 9 of visual media depart for a photo spray.

12:30-15:00 **Meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Defence Ministers' Session together with the Defence Minister of Sweden and the EU.**

SIGNING CEREMONY

14:35 Pool meeting point in front of the Press shop – ground floor Public Square. Pool 10 of visual media depart to cover the signing ceremony.

15:00 **Signing ceremony – Allies join Airspace Management (AER).**

Pool 10 to cover the beginning of the meeting.

Public opening remarks by the Deputy Secretary General,

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