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## Sweden Officially Joins NATO

Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson announced today that Sweden has officially [joined NATO as its 32nd member, stating on X](#): “Sweden is now a NATO member. Thank you all Allies for welcoming us as the 32nd member. We will strive for unity, solidarity and burden-sharing, and will fully adhere to the Washington Treaty values: freedom, democracy, individual liberty and the rule of law. Stronger together.”

Kristersson is visiting the White House today, and will be a guest at tonight’s State of the Union address. The White House [press release stated](#): “Kristersson is the Prime Minister of Sweden. Sweden is formally joining the NATO Alliance on March 7, 2024, becoming the 32nd Ally. Sweden is a strong democracy with a highly capable military that shares our values and vision for the world. Having Sweden as a NATO Ally will make the United States and our Allies even safer.”

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said on X that Sweden’s accession [strengthens NATO](#): “It’s official - #Sweden is now the 32nd member of #NATO, taking its rightful place at our table. Sweden’s accession makes NATO stronger, Sweden safer, and the whole Alliance more secure. I look forward to raising their flag at NATO HQ on Monday.”

Estonian Prime Minister Kaja Kallas also [welcomed Sweden on X](#): “Delighted to welcome #Sweden to the NATO family. With Sweden and also Finland both part of the Alliance now, NATO stands stronger than ever before. Thank you, @SwedishPM, for your leadership and close cooperation throughout this journey. #StrongerTogether”



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