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Orbán Announces Support for Sweden Joining NATO

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán spoke with NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg and discussed [his support for Sweden joining NATO](#). After delaying Sweden's membership, Orbán announced his [support for Sweden joining the bloc, saying on X](#), "Just finished a phone call with @NATO Secretary General @jensstoltenberg. I reaffirmed that the Hungarian government supports the NATO-membership of #Sweden."

In the statement, Orbán said that he will urge Hungary's National Assembly to vote in favor of Sweden: "I also stressed that we will continue to urge the Hungarian National Assembly to vote in favor of Sweden's accession and conclude the #ratification at the first possible opportunity."

Stoltenberg [announced Orbán's support on X, saying](#), "Good call with @PM_ViktorOrban of #Hungary. I welcome the clear support of the Prime Minister and his government for #Sweden's #NATO membership. I look forward to the ratification as soon as parliament reconvenes."

The announcement comes a day after [Turkey's General Assembly voted to approve Sweden's membership](#). Turkey and Hungary were the last two countries to approve NATO membership for Sweden, and [have pledged to strengthen ties](#), with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan saying, "We wish to further strengthen our ties in areas such as defence and energy, where we already have fruitful cooperation."



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