

NATO Pledges Close Cooperation With Ukraine

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BRUSSELS — NATO has vowed to intensify cooperation with Ukraine after residents in the Crimea peninsula voted overwhelmingly to secede and try to join Russia.

Ukraine's Foreign Minister Andrei Deshchytsya visited NATO headquarters on Monday with a request list for technical equipment that Ukraine's government said it needs to deal with the secession of Crimea and the Russian incursion there. It was unclear what equipment Ukraine was asking for.

NATO said in a statement that the alliance was determined to boost cooperation, including "increased ties with Ukraine's political and military leadership, strengthening efforts to build the capacity of the Ukrainian military and more joint training and exercises."

Deshchytsya said in talks with NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen that he "discussed our possible cooperation in the field of sending monitors to Ukraine."

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