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The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is the most successful military alliance in history. Norway's membership in NATO has been the cornerstone of a credible defence of our nation since 1949. The Norwegian Armed Forces are closely integrated with NATO. Our standing defence plans are aligned with NATO's plans; we exercise and train often within the framework of NATO and we contribute to NATO military operations. It is important to the Norwegian Armed Forces that new capabilities and forces are as interoperable with NATO and Allies as possible.

Ever since the Joint Warfare Centre (JWC) was established in 2003, it has been a valuable and highly appreciated partner to the Norwegian Armed Forces. The bond with the Norwegian Joint Headquarters (NJHQ) is especially strong. Our national exercises are for the most part fully integrated with NATO exercises. The JWC is considered among the best organizations within NATO to use computer-assisted exercises (CAX). There is no doubt that Norway has benefitted greatly from the fruitful collaboration between the NJHQ and the JWC, especially on conducting command post exercises.

The skillful work of the dedicated women and men of the Joint Warfare Centre is much appreciated within NATO and by the Norwegian Armed Forces. Norway is grateful that NATO chose to establish the JWC in Norway, and this well-established cooperation will continue to expand in the years to come. ✦



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