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ANNEX 4-0 COMBAT SUPPORT

INTRODUCTION TO COMBAT SUPPORT

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The Air Force defines combat support (CS) as **the foundational and crosscutting capability to field, base, protect, support, and sustain Air Force forces across the range of military operations**. This definition meets the Service's needs for an overarching doctrinal perspective on CS. The nation's ability to project and sustain airpower depends on effective CS. CS enables airpower through the integration of its functional communities to provide the core effects, core processes, and core capabilities required to execute the Air Force mission. The integration of these functional communities ensures Air Force forces are ready, postured, equipped, employed, and sustained at the right place and time to support the joint force.
