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ANNEX 4-0 COMBAT SUPPORT

ESTABLISHING A SUSTAINMENT INFRASTRUCTURE

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[Sustainment](#) should anticipate combat support (CS) challenges before they affect operations. Critical forces and capabilities are identified and evaluated against risks. Findings highlight CS deficiencies with associated risks and are included in the [joint force commander's](#) (JFC's) readiness assessment reports. The deficiencies are then considered as candidate issues for further analysis in capability assessments.

The logistics sustainability assessment (LSA) is a product of sustainment planning. It provides an assessment and action plan to improve key CS capabilities required to execute a JFC's planned operation. The LSA should be accomplished for operations plans (OPLANS), contingency plans, and any planned operation the JFC deems necessary. The assessment spans the plan duration and addresses the joint capability areas defined in the logistics supplement to the joint strategic capabilities plan. The A4 or the A5 on the [Air Force forces staff](#) usually accomplishes the LSA for the [commander, Air Force forces](#).
