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DUTCH PRIME MINISTER MARK RUTTE URGES SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE, EU AND NATO IN HIS FAREWELL SPEECH

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Long-serving Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte urged his country to support Ukraine and international cooperation in his final address to his compatriots Sunday, as an inward-looking new government is set to take over the Netherlands in two days.

It is crucial that our country is embedded in the European Union and NATO. Together we are stronger than alone. Especially now, the 57-year-old Rutte said from his office in The Hague.

After leading the country for 14 years, he will take his experience with consensus-building to Brussels, where he will take over as NATO's new secretary-general later this year.

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