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There are many good reasons for an organization to standardize its terminology. In NATO, where the military forces are essentially contributions by the member states, each with their own rules, culture, language, etc. it is vital that every effort be made to smoothen the communication between member states and their forces, so as to avoid inefficiency, misunderstanding, etc. Therefore, terminology forms part of NATO's standardization efforts, which all serve to promote interoperability. But how does NATO standardize its terminology?