What are the legal and policy challenges for the U.S. in partnering with Non-State Actors (NSAs), including the authority to provide support to NSAs under both domestic and international law, the vetting of NSAs, and the responsibility for the actions of NSAs?

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