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POLISH POSITION ON NATO

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(Poland)

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND HAS ATTENTIVELY REVIEWED THE RESULTS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL SUMMIT IN LONDON. THEY CONSTITUTE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO EUROPEAN STABILITY AND TO BUILDING A NEW ORDER OF RELATIONS IN EUROPE.

THE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DECISIONS TAKEN DURING THE MEETING IN LONDON IS CONVERGENT WITH POLAND'S ASPIRATIONS. IT FURTHER CONFIRMED THAT THERE ARE ABSOLUTELY NO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE POLITICAL GOALS OF POLAND AND THE MEMBER STATES OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. POLAND CAN FULLY IDENTIFY WITH NATO'S MESSAGE. WE ASSESS THE LONDON DECLARATION VERY POSITIVELY.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND WELCOMES WITH SATISFACTION NATO'S READINESS TO BUILD A NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH ALL THE COUNTRIES OF EUROPE AND ESPECIALLY THE RAPPROCHEMENT WITH THE COUNTRIES OF EAST CENTRAL EUROPE.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND DOES NOT CONSIDER ANY OF NATO STATES AS AN OPPONENT. POLAND REMAINS FAITHFUL TO THE PRINCIPAL OF THE NON-USE OF FORCE AND HAS NO DOUBTS AS TO THE RECIPROCITY IN THIS RESPECT FROM THE ABOVE MENTIONED STATES.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND AGREES WITH THE PROPOSAL TO CONFIRM THE PRINCIPLE OF THE NON-USE OF FORCE. THE FORM OF SUCH CONFIRMATION HOWEVER, SHOULD NOT STRENGTHEN THE SO-CALLED BLOCK APPROACH. CSCE WOULD BE THE BEST FORUM FOR SUCH A DECLARATION.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND INTENDS TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THE PROPOSAL FOR OUR REPRESENTATIVE TO PAY A VISIT AT NATO HEADQUARTERS, AS WELL AS TO THE IDEA TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE ALLIANCE HEADQUARTERS AND TO BROADEN MILITARY CONTACTS. AT THE SAME TIME WE COUNT ON NEW POSSIBILITIES AND FORMS TO TIGHTEN SUCH CONTACTS.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND SEES THE CONSISTENCY IN THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF ITS DISARMAMENT POLICY WITH THE POSITIONS TAKEN BY NATO COUNTRIES. IT CONCERNS, IN PARTICULAR:

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-- THE FRUITFUL CONCLUSION OF THE CURRENT PHASE OF VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS ON CONVENTIONAL FORCES AND THEIR IMMEDIATE RECONVENING FOR FOLLOW-ON TALKS AFTER THE FIRST AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED;

-- THE PREPARATION OF DECISIONS ON THE NEW CONVENTIONAL DISARMAMENT TALKS TO BE CONDUCTED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CSCE PROCESS;

-- THE START OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE US ON TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS, TO TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE FIRST VIENNA AGREEMENT. WE WELCOME NATO'S READINESS TO TOTALLY ELIMINATE NUCLEAR ARTILLERY SHELLS IN EUROPE;

-- THE INITIATIVE TO CONDUCT A CONSECUTIVE SEMINAR ON MILITARY DOCTRINES - ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT POLAND HAS BEEN ONE OF THE INITIATORS OF THE DIALOGUE IN THIS MATTER.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND WELCOMES THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES IN NATO'S FORCE STRUCTURE AND STRATEGY, IN PARTICULAR THE REDUCTION IN SIZE OF INDIVIDUAL COMBAT UNITS, THE SCALING DOWN OF COMBAT-READINESS AND THE REDUCTION OF RELIANCE ON NUCLEAR FORCES. WE EXPECT THAT DECISIONS TO CHANGE STRATEGY AND OPERATIONS PLANS WILL BE TAKEN, ESPECIALLY WHERE THEY POTENTIALLY PROVIDED FOR TERRITORY OF POLAND TO BECOME A TARGET OF NATO'S OFFENSIVE STRIKES.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND PERCEIVES MANY COMPONENTS IN THE ALLIANCE'S APPROACH TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CSCE PROCESS AS CONSISTENT WITH OUR OWN POSITION. IT CONCERNS IN PARTICULAR REGULAR MEETINGS AT THE TOP (SUMMIT) LEVEL, THE CREATION OF THE SECRETARIAT, AND THE CENTER FOR THE PREVENTION OF CONFLICTS. WE HAVE NO DIFFICULTIES ACCEPTING THE IDEA OF A MECHANISM TO SUPERVISE ELECTIONS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PARLIAMENTARY BODY (EUROPEAN ASSEMBLY).

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