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ITEM II: POLAND

You may wish to say:

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We come now to the second item on our agenda, which concerns the situation in Poland. Let me begin by warmly welcoming to the Council senior officials and experts from capitals who have joined us for this important discussion. I wish, as well, to recall that I believe we are agreed that our exchange today should concentrate on what might be termed the policy aspects and implications of the latest developments in Poland. It has further been suggested that this exchange should serve as part of the prelude to the attention which NATO Foreign Ministers will want to give to Poland when they meet here in December. In this latter regard, it is understood that we are not here today to take decisions, but to continue our process of monitoring the Polish scene in the light of which policies may be adjusted in the future. Finally, I would note that the steady watch which the Political Committee has been keeping on events in Poland suggests that the prospects that the criteria spelled out in the 11th January Allied Declaration will be adequately met in the foreseeable future are, perhaps, more remote than ever.

And now, to whom may I give the floor?

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