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Americans for Security in Central and Eastern Europe announces a rally in front of the White House on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, June 11th, 2016, at 3:00 PM. The rally is in support of U.S. strategic security interests in Europe through a lasting U.S. / NATO military presence in Poland.

Russian imperialist and military posturing is real and growing. Following aggression in Georgia, the annexation of Crimea, and war in the Donbas Region of Ukraine, Russia now threatens the free and democratic countries of Eastern and Central Europe along its borders. During the military maneuvers code-named "ZAPAD" (translated as "West") the Russian Armed Forces rehearsed all aspects of a surprise attack on Poland.

Today Russia represents a very real and even an imminent threat to Poland and to world peace. Russian President Vladimir Putin's repeated announcements that Russia is strengthening its military presence in the Kaliningrad (Koenigsberg/Królewiec) region, in immediate proximity to the Polish border, suggests that Russian plans for aggression against Poland are advancing. Concentrations of Russian manpower, weapons of mass destruction and military materiel are clearly intended to threaten and intimidate NATO members.

These developments have drawn a direct response from NATO in the form of broadening military exercises in its eastern region. It is imperative to further strengthen the eastern flank of NATO now! The U.S. Administration has earmarked \$3.4 billion for this purpose.

The 2016 NATO Warsaw Summit of July 8-9 will determine the response of the NATO Alliance to Russia's offensive and threatening moves, including war preparations. NATO is a defensive alliance and priority must be given to the Alliance's collective security in accordance with Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty. For the Central and Eastern European members, the summit in Warsaw is about putting in place military capabilities to deter war because only through military strength can real peace be assured in Europe!

Considering Russia's aggressive posture towards Central and Eastern European NATO members, only a sizeable presence of U.S. Armed Forces will prevent war. This is also

the only deterrent to Russia's growing threat to world peace. Just as during the Cold War, an American presence will reduce the probability of a Russian attack. We consider this a pivotal issue facing U.S. strategic national security interests.

Now is the time to implement the resolution of the Polish American Congress Conference of National Directors, enacted on October 18, 2014 in Chicago, which requests a significant and permanent U.S. military presence in Poland and establishment of the NATO bases.

Polish American communities and organizations across the United States, as well as those affiliated by interest, are speaking with one voice now. The increased Russian threat makes it obvious that we must act together to petition the U.S. Government to establish a lasting U.S. military presence as part of NATO in the region. Such a commitment represents an essential component of U.S. strategic security policy.

Please join us to express support and rally in front of the White House for U.S. military presence in Poland and the region to strengthen NATO defensive capability.

**Lasting U.S. Military Presence in Poland = Peace & Prosperity in Europe=
= Safeguarding U.S. Strategic Security Policy Interests!
Protect peace in Europe through strength!**

**All-American Rally in Support of Security of Poland and Eastern Europe
Saturday, Jun 11th 2016 3:00pm,
In Front of The White House**

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington DC
"For Our Freedom and Yours" - "Za Wolność Naszą i Waszą"

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