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Participants of the Conference marking the 10th anniversary of the Proliferation Security Initiative

I am very happy to see that the meeting of states supporting the Proliferation Security Initiative is convened for the third time in Poland. Through organizing this important forum of dialogue, the Republic of Poland expresses its commitment to nonproliferation of WMDs.

The advancement of national capabilities in prevention of illegal trafficking of such weapons, of means for their delivery, as well as of proliferation of production technologies and materials, is particularly significant for Poland. The Republic of Poland actively cooperates with its regional partners readily exchanging with them the experience in the area gained to-date. Moreover, Poland is a member of regimes for control of dual use materials and for control of technologies allowing their transportation.

No state is free from the risks posed by the use of WMDs, and such a development would have tragic consequences for whole mankind. This is why all members of the international community should step up their efforts and coordinate their actions to effectively pursue PSI goals.

On the occasion afforded by the PSI 10th anniversary, I wish to express my satisfaction with the solid standing of the Initiative which has become a permanent feature of international cooperation in the area of arms control. May your meeting, Ladies and Gentlemen, contribute to further consolidation of the PSI so that it can serve us all in our effort to develop capabilities to counteract WMD proliferation over next decades to come, making the world a more secure place to live for our contemporary generation and for the future ones.