

Declaration of the Parliamentary Trilateral Meeting Poland-Romania-Turkey Bucharest, May 7, 2014

We, representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Poland, of the Parliament of Romania, and of the Grand National Assembly of the Republic of Turkey, having met in Bucharest on May 7, 2014, recognize the importance of our strategic cooperation as well as the governmental efforts towards coordination of our countries within NATO and at regional level, thereby bringing added value to our joint endeavors in the field of security and beyond.

We firmly believe that strengthening the cooperation between our three countries, as Strategic Partners and NATO Allies, including through joint initiatives, regionally focused, contributes to the consolidation of the NATO itself.

We reaffirm the importance, in the framework of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, of the principles of collective defence, Allied solidarity, cohesion, and indivisibility of our security. In the current international security context, the importance of the collective defence, as the Alliance's primary core task, cannot be overstated. We encourage our Governments to support appropriate measures, at NATO framework, for purposes of deterrence and collective defence of our countries.

In respect to the situation in Ukraine, as underlined in the statement of 1 April 2014 by NATO Foreign Ministers, we do not recognize Russia's illegal military intervention in Ukraine and the illegal annexation of Crimea by Russia and see it as a violation of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. We express our concern in relation to the breach of the Geneva Agreement of April 17, 2014, and request all concerned parties take steps toward de-escalation. We will continue to join efforts to reach a political and diplomatic solution which respects international law and Ukraine's internationally recognized borders.

As representatives of the people, we firmly support the will of the people of Ukraine to choose freely their destiny. We express our hope that the presidential elections will take place on May 25, 2014, allowing the people of Ukraine to express their preferences and their desired development path. We stand together with the people of Ukraine in their aspirations for a democratic and free Ukraine. The same holds true for the European path of the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, all members of EU Eastern Partnership.

We call upon other NATO member states to fully exploit the capacity of the NATO-Ukraine Commission in order to reinforce the armed forces of Ukraine.

We highly commend the cooperation of our countries in the field of missile defence, as well as in other security related fields, *inter alia*, *Smart Defence*, NATO enlargement, frozen conflicts, and energy security. As one of the most strategic project of the North Atlantic Alliance, ballistic missile defence system, the Interim Capability for which was declared at the NATO Summit in Chicago in 2012, represents one of the most significant Allied undertakings of the decade.

For our countries, participation in NATO Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) shows a significant contribution to our shared security and to NATO's security. The forward-based early-warning radar hosted by Turkey, the *Aegis Ashore* in Deveselu, Romania, operational in the 2015 timeframe, as well as the *Aegis Ashore* in Poland, operational in the 2018 timeframe, will make possible for the *NATO BMD capability* to provide full coverage and protection for all of NATO European populations, territory and forces against the increasing threats posed by the proliferation of ballistic missile.

We reaffirm the purely defensive nature of the NATO BMD capability, as well as their use in full compliance with the UN Charter. They reflect the strong commitment of participating countries to the legitimate collective defence of Allied states, within the broader purpose of preserving international peace and security.

As such, we consider it important for the 2014 NATO Summit to note the progress on the Ballistic Missile Defence System and to reconfirm the determination of Allies to maintain the implementation calendar so as to reach its aim. We expect the summit to be an opportunity to send a strong message of NATO resolve, viability of its defense and deterrence posture, and commitment to develop necessary military capabilities to this end.

Furthermore, we strongly support a Transatlantic Declaration at the 2014 NATO Summit, to reflect the essential contribution of the transatlantic bond to NATO, as the very basic foundation for the entire work as an Alliance.

We strongly support NATO's *Open Door Policy*, especially taking into consideration the anniversaries we celebrate this year: 15 years since the 1999 enlargement, 10 years since 2004 enlargement, 20 years since the Partnership for Peace and, last but not least, 65 years of NATO. We believe that the post-Cold War enlargements have brought real added value for NATO, including in terms of enhancing the security of all Allies, as they were integral part of the successful adaptation of the Alliance to the new international and security framework. As such, we firmly encourage the declared interests to join NATO of the current aspirant countries, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Georgia, the Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro.

We firmly support *Turkey's accession to the European Union*, which we consider of greatest importance for the security of Europe, and corresponding to the aspirations of the Turkish society. We will work closely to facilitate the advancement of EU-Turkey accession negotiations in order to reach further progress in Turkey's accession process, based on the EU acquis.

Based on all of the above, we encourage the continuation of our countries' cooperation to ensure peace and security, in our region and beyond. Therefore, reaffirming the deep bonds of trust and values between our countries and the friendship of our peoples, we express the common interest for deepening this trilateral cooperation, including at parliamentary level, towards consolidating the strategic connections between our countries, from the Baltic to the Black Sea. We strongly believe that our enhanced cooperation will be beneficial to our citizens and to the Euro-Atlantic area, as a whole.

Bucharest, 7th May, 2014

Foreign Affairs Committees of the Polish Senate, Romanian Senate and The Grand National Assembly of the Republic of Turkey:

Deputy Chairman



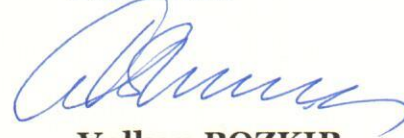
Bogdan KLICH

Chairman



Petru FILIP

Chairman



Volkan BOZKIR