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Press Release

A closed discussion with the Secretary General of NATO and members of the Ukraine's government organised at the Munich Security Conference by a Polish think-tank.

The Casimir Pulaski Foundation will actively participate in the jubilee 60th edition of the Munich Security Conference as the only official Polish partner of the event. On February 17th, the representatives of the Foundation are organising a closed-door dinner hosting NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, German Defense Minister Boris Pistorius, two deputy prime ministers of Ukraine, as well as ministers from Poland, Lithuania, Estonia, Sweden and Iceland. Additionally, at the main stage of the event, Prof. Katarzyna Pisarska will moderate a panel discussion with the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen; aspiring next SG of NATO Prime Minister of the Netherlands, Mark Rutte; and the Prime Minister of Norway, Jonas Gahr Støre.

The delegation members of the Casimir Pulaski Foundation that will be present at the Munich Security Conference include Prof. Katarzyna Pisarska, Chair of the Warsaw Security Forum (WSF), and Bartłomiej Kot, Program Director of WSF. They will join the exclusive group of six Poles invited to Munich. As the sole Polish partner, the Foundation will organise an official event during the Conference – a closed dinner. The meeting will take place in the esteemed company of the Secretary General of NATO, the Minister of Defense of Germany, Ukrainian Deputy Prime Ministers Olha Stefanishyna and Oleksandr Kubrakov, as well as the ministers of foreign affairs and defence of Lithuania, Estonia, Sweden, Iceland, and Croatia. The politicians will also be joined by military officials, including Admiral Rob Bauer, the Chief of the NATO Military Committee, and a former CIA Director Rtd. General David Petraeus. Polish politicians will be represented by the Head of the National Security Bureau (BBN) Jacek Siewiera, the Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee Paweł Kowal, and Member of Parliament Michał Szczerba, who also serves as the Acting President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. The Foundation can also count on the presence of members of parliament from France, the United States, and Germany.

"The main theme of the dinner will be a discussion over future scenarios of the conflict in Ukraine as well as what actions the countries of the collective West can take to further counter the increasingly tangible threat posed by Russia to our collective security. Poland must play a significant role in that process," reveals Prof. Katarzyna Pisarska, Chair of the Warsaw Security Forum. The organisers have also entrusted her with moderating a panel discussion on the conference's main stage dedicated to building joint defence capabilities by European Union member states. The panel will feature the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, the aspiring NATO Secretary General; the Prime Minister of the Netherlands, Mark Rutte; and the Prime Minister of Norway, Jonas Gahr Støre.

"We are delighted not only by the fact that we are hosting so many distinguished guests but, above all, by the opportunity to convey two important messages: Poland and Polish entities can be leaders in the discussion on European security, and the fact that our Polish guests speak with a unified voice about our contribution to this security," says Bartłomiej Kot, Program Director of WSF, co-organiser of the event.

The presence of the Casimir Pulaski Foundation at the Munich Security Conference is yet another indication of the increased activity of the Polish think tank in international politics. At the beginning of the month, the Foundation organised the first delegation of Polish parliamentarians to Berlin in years. During the visit, the Foundation facilitated meetings with the German Minister of Defense, Boris Pistorius, and the foreign affairs and European committees of the Bundestag. These actions underscore the Foundation's commitment to fostering international dialogues and collaborations, contributing to the broader discourse on security and diplomacy.

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