

## As previously SACT Press statement for MCCA Press Conference

First and foremost, I would stress the dynamic leadership of our Chairman to successfully implement the Readiness Action Plan which was launched at the Wales Summit. As SACEUR and CMC have underlined the need to adaptation, the last two days were about our effort, to develop a more ready and responsive Alliance. This was also reflected in the constructive discussion with our Partners on how to foster our future engagement. We are well advanced in the adaptation of our forces to cope with emerging diverse and complex threats over Alliance periphery.

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1. **Exercises: the enhancement of our exercises programme to meet NATO's level of ambitious and increased readiness and responsiveness of our forces.**

- 272 exercises in 2015, 104 are dedicated to assurance Measures;
- NATO will demonstrate its will and capability to engage a major credible force, ready to be deployed and face every challenge within the whole spectrum of operations;
- Scope of exercise, included more realistic scenarios (Hybrid trends...)
- More than 30000 Troops will be deployed;
- High visibility venues such as TRJE15

2. **Our Partners: the enhancement of our interoperability with our partners.**

- Our partners are not only participating in exercises (9 Partners are in TRJE 15), but also fight side by side with our soldiers in Operations;
- Our partners fully support the **Interoperability Platform** launched at the Wales Summit.
- Our Partner cooperation is more and more important for NATO to develop and maintain interoperability;
- We are to go further and offer a better overview and integrated planning of our Partner tools. Through **Partnership Cooperation Menu (PCM)**; there are 1260 different of activities, 90 % are about operational cooperation and improving interoperability;

3. **RAP: the accelerating of the development and delivery of more modular capabilities as required for the RAP, we are also assisting in improving their Host Nation capabilities.**

- More reactive force which enables the Alliance to quickly engage;
- We assist Allies in enhancing their Host Nation Capabilities such as Airbusing.

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## AS delivered JEAN-PAUL PALOMÉROS (Supreme Allied Commander, Transformation):

Thank you, Phil. Let me join General Breedlove to say how much I was... I've been honored to serve alongside shoulder to shoulder with General Knud Bartels, a true soldier and a true leader. He has stressed the dynamism of military committee; in implementing all the decisions which have been made. This is good to discuss. This is better to act.

As first, General Breedlove and General Bartels have underlined, the need for adaptation... during the last two days, we're really focused on developing an even more ready and more responsible Alliance. And that was very much reflected in the constructive discussion with our partners as well on how we force our future engagement; how we share the future together.

And we have... we are well-advanced in the adaptation of our forces to cope with the emerging and diverse complex threats over all Alliance's periphery. And I would stress that this adaptation measures are leveraging in a certain way already long-term transformation efforts.

I will stress three points. Exercises, you know that the enhancement of our exercise program has been a key objective for at least two years. And I'm very pleased to report that in 2015 we will have all together 200 and... more than 270 exercises under the NATO umbrella. And more than... about half of those dedicated to Assurance Measures in the Eastern part of NATO. And this is how NATO demonstrates its ability to engage forces in very rapid and suitable manner.

The scope of the exercise, the realism of the exercise have been improved dramatically, including hybrid threats, including cyber, including BMD [Ballistic Missile Defense]. And we will have a demonstration very soon in next fall with Trident Juncture 15 running the southern part of NATO, of Europe, with Spain, Portugal and Italy as host nations: more than thirty... thirty-five thousand troops deployed; 33 countries together including seven partners; including 15 international organizations and NGOs; including a great cooperation with the European Union. That will be not only be a high visibility exercise, that will be a high credible exercise.

Secondly, with our partners, as it was stressed, in Wales, it was decided to go further with our partners. And for the first time, we gathered the 25 partners of what we call the Interoperability Platform. Interoperability is a key objective in our partnership. That was a very fruitful. And I can as well stress that today in our partnership cooperation menu we have almost 1 300 different activities which are open to partners, mainly in the field of education, training and obviously participation to NATO Response Force and to operations.

Last and not least, when we consider the Readiness Action Plan, we much keep in mind that we have identified during... at the Wales Summit capability shortfalls. And we are really striving to fulfil those shortfalls. We are expecting from the Wales pledge more reinvestment in capabilities, reinvestment for the people. And we will certainly strive together to do the best out of this reinvestment. Thank you for your attention.