

Informal translation of the letter

President of
the Republic of Poland

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The Participants
Proliferation Security Initiative Meeting
Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen,

in a few days we will be marking the fifth anniversary of the Proliferation Security Initiative - an international cooperation initiative for preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, announced by President George W. Bush, in the Polish city of Krakow. Today, representatives of the states supporting the Initiative have met in Washington to review its achievements and chart future activities.

I convey to the meeting participants wishes of every success in the joint efforts to make the world safer. Our campaign to restrict the growing accessibility of weapons of mass destruction is one of the most profound tasks facing the international community.

My country, Poland, is proud of what the Initiative supporters have attained with their hard work over the past five years. Today, we can say with justified conviction that our countries are increasingly effective in preventing irresponsible states and terrorists from obtaining weapons of mass destruction and potentially unleashing destruction that would be even more horrific than what the enemies of the free world perpetrated at the beginning of the 21st century.

I am convinced that the results of this meeting will encourage new states to join the PSI, following in the footsteps of its present participants: countries large and small, representing different cultures, religions and languages, and possessing different historical experiences. Yet, representatives of them all have gathered together in Washington today to express their commitment to the struggle against the most direct threat to world peace and security - proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

/-/ Lech Kaczyński