

**Joint Statement following the Annual Bilateral U.S.-Polish Strategic Cooperation  
Consultative Group (SCCG)**

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Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Andrea Thompson, and Polish Under Secretary for Security Policy, Minister Bartosz Cichocki, co-chaired the bilateral Strategic Cooperation Consultative Group (SCCG) in Warsaw, Poland on November 5, 2018. The SCCG is a forum for consultation and cooperation on a wide range of regional and global security issues that reflect the depth of the relationship between the United States and Poland. This meeting of the SCCG built upon the 12th round of the Poland-U.S. Strategic Dialogue in Washington, D.C. in September 2018, and the Declaration signed on September 18, 2018 in Washington by the Presidents of Poland and the United States entitled “Safeguarding Freedom, Building Prosperity Through the U.S.-Poland Strategic Partnership”.

As North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Allies, the United States and Poland discussed a wide range of issues related to Polish-American relations, including NATO deterrence and defense policy, as well as bilateral security cooperation issues such as the U.S. military presence in Poland, the U.S. European Deterrence Initiative, and defense industry cooperation. They also discussed initiatives on European security such as the OSCE’s Structured Dialogue and EU defense initiatives, as well as a range of nonproliferation issues, including Russia’s repeated violation of the INF Treaty. The two countries reaffirmed that the relationship between the United States and Poland is stronger than ever, and that the wide ranging SCCG dialogue helps to further solidify the bilateral partnership.