

# Press Releases: Remarks at Meeting With NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg

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**SECRETARY-GENERAL STOLTENBERG:** So welcome back to NATO. It's great to see you, and I really appreciate your strong leadership for so many important issues for the alliance and your ironclad commitment to NATO and to the transatlantic bond and for the fact that the U.S. is increasing their presence in Europe. And NATO is a place where North America meets Europe every day and we discuss, we decide, and we take actions. And that's exactly what we're going to do today and tomorrow in addressing many – we are going to address many important security issues for the alliance. So welcome. It's great to have you here.

**SECRETARY TILLERSON:** Well, thank you, and first let me thank you for your strong leadership of NATO. I think the alliance has been strengthened under your leadership. Certainly, many have stepped up to confirm their commitment to the alliance, not just in words, but with treasure as well, which you know is very important to President Trump to see this alliance fully capable, and we appreciate your strong leadership of the alliance. As indicated, our commitment is, as you said, is ironclad and our commitment to Article 5 of the agreement is unwavering. And all of our friends in the alliance should know that.

It's a delight to be here.

**SECRETARY-GENERAL STOLTENBERG:** Thanks, and thank you.

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