

**Ambassador Mull's Remarks**  
**Cyber Security Business Development Mission Plenary Session**  
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Thank you for your introduction, Assistant Secretary Jadotte. I'd like to once again extend a warm welcome to you, to Deputy Secretary Andrews, and to the rest of the cyber security delegation. I'd also like to thank Undersecretary Jurand Drop, from the Ministry of Administration and Digitalization, for co-leading this plenary session.

Cyber-attacks can cross national borders as easily as diseases and natural disasters, and it is vital that we cooperate across boundaries to combat this threat. That's why I'm pleased that representatives from the U.S. European Command, NATO, Slovakia, and Lithuania are here with us as well. The world of cyber-attacks is not limited to any one country or even one region, and your presence exemplifies the multilateral, multi-organizational aspect of cyber security. No country can tackle this challenge alone.

Just as important, American and Polish businesses have formed extremely close and durable economic partnerships. Cyber security isn't just the concern of military organizations. This is an issue that concerns the viability and reputations of companies, and therefore, of economic growth. In Poland, boosting cyber security will be an essential element to the development of Poland's knowledge economy.

And Poland has already made significant progress. I applaud Poland's efforts to strengthen infrastructure security through its recently enacted Cyberspace Protection Policy. And two years ago, a Polish delegation traveled to the United States to learn about cyber security issues through a U.S.-funded program. They went to San Francisco, Philadelphia, and Washington DC to meet with government officials, businesses, and think tanks, and to tour U.S. cyber security facilities. Your meetings here in Warsaw this week will build on that foundation.

Because of the ability of cyber criminals to impact nearly every element of our economy and government, it is essential to establish government/business partnerships to combat the threat. I'm glad that representatives from the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology are here to discuss how the Cyber security Framework was developed in partnership with American industry.

President Obama recently remarked that when it comes to ensuring our security, the cyber world is sort of like the Wild West. There's still a lot we don't know. The numerous cyber-attacks that happen in the United States and Europe every year prove that, unfortunately, cyber criminals are often one step ahead.

So we have a lot of challenges ahead of us. But I am certain that by working together, we will be fully capable of meeting these challenges. Thank you again for being here, and for your dedication to confronting this threat head on.