



President Obama will host the NATO Summit May 20-21, in Chicago, Illinois. As part of his role in NATO Obama looks forward to welcoming leaders from NATO member and partner nations to his hometown for the Summit of the world's most successful Alliance. This is the first NATO Obama has hosted; the last Summit in the USA took place in 1999 in Washington.

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The NATO Summit in Chicago

Testimony by Philip H. Gordon, Assistant Secretary for Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs

Statement before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee

Washington, DC

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NATO is vital to U.S. security. More than ever, the Alliance is the mechanism through which the U.S. confronts diverse and difficult threats to our security together with like-minded states who share our fundamental values of democracy, human rights and rule of law. Our experiences in the Cold War, in the Balkans and now in Afghanistan prove that our core interests are better protected by working together than by seeking to respond to threats alone as individual nations.

<http://www.state.gov/p/eur/rls/rm/2012/189600.htm>

Why NATO Matters to U.S. Security

Posted by Philip H. Gordon

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At Chicago, where Afghanistan is concerned, the United States anticipates three outcomes in particular: an agreement on an interim milestone in 2013 when ISAF's mission will shift from combat to support for the Afghan National Security Forces, the NSF; secondly, an agreement on the size, cost and sustainment of the ANSF beyond 2013; and, finally, a roadmap for NATO's post-2014 role in Afghanistan.

http://blogs.state.gov/index.php/site/entry/nato_matters_security

The Chicago Summit and U.S. Policy

Tina Kaidanow, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs

Before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia

April 26, 2012

The Summit will make clear that NATO will not abandon Afghanistan after the ISAF mission concludes. In Chicago, the Alliance will reaffirm its enduring commitment beyond 2014 and define a new phase of cooperation with Afghanistan.

<http://nato.usmission.gov/speeches-042712.html>



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http://photos.state.gov/libraries/amgov/30145/publications-english/The%20United%20States%20and%20NATO_150.pdf

LiveAtState: Upcoming NATO Summit in Chicago

Remarks by Ivo Daalder, Permanent Representative to North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

Washington, DC

May 8, 2012

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ime/189513.htm>

VIDEOS

NATO Summit in Chicago: Priorities for the 21st Century

U.S. Ambassador to NATO Ivo H. Daalder describes priority issues for the NATO Summit, taking place in Chicago May 20-21, 2012.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eExcomeXBus&feature=youtu.be>

NATO Humanitarian Aid

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cwzf52CA1iA>