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Short note

The Warsaw summit clearly shows two main priorities that challenges the Alliance. First, to re-create a credible force to deter any traditional threats. And second, to reach highest possible readiness for asymmetrical fight. Having this in mind, NATO's capabilities to promote its cohesion and determination need to be upgraded in two main directions: to effectively deter Russia and to manage international security threats. Post summit task should articulate clear strategy to provide quality response to various types of threats. NATO must develop the capacity in both directions: for traditional warfare and unconventional operations such as the fight against global terrorism. For that reasons, it is expected of member states and its partners to develop all necessary resources for provide adequate response.

Instability in Southeastern Europe and especially in the Balkans as its most vulnerable part is primarily a European problem, then the problem of NATO and United States. All these parties were involved in the regional business at the very beginning. Twenty five years after, the truth is - there is no open or visible threat by war or ethnic conflict. However, some challenges to security are still exist as a seed for potential crisis.

- There is still unfinished business in Bosnia and Herzegovina that threatening fragile ethnic stability.
- Kosovo is fighting for its full independence promotion as a sovereign state and facing strong Serbian diplomatic action to oppose unilaterally declared Kosovo independence.
- Macedonia has dispute over name with Greece and still has to wait for the NATO membership as well as to begin negotiation process for EU.
- Serbia itself is recognized as a country importantly involved from many perspectives in the regional stability.

The Western Balkans is challenging next up to five years that will be either make-or-break time for the entire region. The region needs to be offered the next qualitative step. The current waiting room is not just enough. It seems endless. We need an exercise-room instead the waiting room with clear and motivated path towards NATO and the EU.