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The world has changed dramatically since NATO agreed the last Strategic Concept at the Lisbon Summit in 2010.

Our security environment has become more challenged, more dangerous, and also much more unpredictable.

The 2022 NATO Strategic Concept sets out a shared vision of the threats, the main challenges, and opportunities that NATO faces now and maybe in the near future. The new concept support the Alliance to continue adapting in a more critical and competitive world.

Has we saw from our guest today the Strategic Concept is a key document for the Alliance, is important for the security euro-Atlantique and relevant for the global security. It reaffirms NATO's main values and intentions and provides a collective assessment of the security environment. It also drives NATO's strategic adaptation and guides its future political and military development.

THREE MAIN ideias FROM TODAY'S SESSION THAT I WOULD LIKE IN THREE MINUTES:

FIRST, NATO Strategic Concept fulfils three core tasks: Deterrence and Defence; Crisis Prevention and Management; and Cooperative Security.

These three core tasks are complementary and essential to ensure the collective defence and security of all Allies.

Ensuring national and collective resilience, enhancing the Alliance's technological edge and fully integrating climate change, human security and the Women, Peace and Security agenda across all of NATO's work are all part of completing the Alliance's three core tasks.

SECOND, the Euro-Atlantic security is challenged by a strong strategic competition and persistent global instability.

The Euro-Atlantic area is not at peace.

The Russian Federation's brutal war of aggression against Ukraine has broken peace in Europe and will be in the near future one of the most challenging agendas.

Russia has violated the norms and principles that contributed to a stable and predictable European security order.

It poses the most significant and direct threat to Allies' security and to peace and stability in the Euro-Atlantic area.

China's stated ambitions and coercive policies challenge our interests, security and values. Allies will work together to address the systemic challenges posed by China to Euro-Atlantic security.

They remain open to constructive engagement, with a view to safeguarding the Alliance's security interests and building reciprocal transparency.

Russia and China are developing a strategic partnership and are at the forefront of an authoritarian push back against the rules-based international order.

Terrorism remains a persistent threat, and is the most direct asymmetric threat to our citizens' security.

We also face a number of other global and interconnected threats and challenges.

Including from climate change, as well as emerging and disruptive technologies, and the erosion of the arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation architecture.

AND THREE AND LAST POINT, NATO's key purpose and greatest responsibility is to ensure the collective defence of Allies.

Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty is the bedrock of Allied collective defence.

The North Atlantic Council could decide to invoke it in response to armed attack.

A single or cumulative set of malicious cyber activities; hostile operations to, from, and within space; and hybrid operations against Allies could reach the level of armed attack and could lead the North Atlantic Council to invoke the Article 5.

The Alliance is based on the enduring transatlantic connection between Europe and North America.

In CONCLUSION, NATO remains the unique, essential, and indispensable transatlantic relation to consult, coordinate and act on all matters related to Allies' security.

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NATO Heads of State and Government meeting in Madrid on Wednesday (29 June 2022) approved a new Strategic Concept for the Alliance, setting out the Alliance's priorities, core tasks and approaches for the next decade.

The Concept describes the security environment facing the Alliance, reaffirms our values, and spells out NATO's key purpose of ensuring our collective defence.

It further sets out NATO's three core tasks of deterrence and defence; crisis prevention and management; and cooperative security.

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