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President Duda and Canadian PM on forthcoming NATO summit in Warsaw

During the forthcoming NATO summit in Warsaw, Canada will confirm the need to strengthen the alliance's eastern flank, the Polish presidential official said after a meeting of President Andrzej Duda with Canadian PM Justin Trudeau in Ottawa on Tuesday.

Krzysztof Szczerski told reporters that such a declaration was made during the meeting and added that the Canadian PM had confirmed his participation in the Warsaw NATO summit.

Asked whether the Canadian PM made a declaration regarding the number of Canadian troops and equipment which could be stationed in Poland, Szczerski said that negotiations were under way.

"It is very important neither to speed up anything nor to make any declarations at this very sensitive stage of negotiations as it is the whole of the decision that will matter," he stressed.

According to the presidential minister, the meeting also focused on the eastern policy, the EU future and the migration crisis.

Minister Szczerski said that President Duda and PM Trudeau spoke about economic cooperation, with special emphasis on "Canada's hopes pinned on the ratification of a free trade agreement."

Also on Tuesday the president met with the diplomatic corps and Poles living in Canada. The meeting was held to mark the May 3 Constitution Day and the 1050th anniversary of the baptism of Poland.

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