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Address by the President at the Extraordinary Summit of the B9

President Andrzej Duda: The brutal full-scale Russian aggression against Ukraine has forever changed the history of our part of Europe.

Distinguished Presidents, Mr Prime Minister,

Distinguished Secretary General,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I welcome you very warmly to the Presidential Palace in Warsaw, at the Extraordinary Summit of the „Bucharest 9” – NATO Eastern flank states, with the participation of special guests – President of the United States of America Joe Biden and NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg.

Today`s Summit is of particular importance.

We are meeting almost exactly on the anniversary of the event which has forever changed the history of our part of Europe and which has an impact on the security situation across the world. I`m speaking about the brutal full-scale Russian aggression against Ukraine, which started on February 24 last year.

One day later, we met in this hall to discuss the most significant challenges facing our states, facing the entire North Atlantic Alliance and to speak about the ways to support our friends in Ukraine.

What we wish to do today, is to think together, among closest Allies, about our next steps in the run-up to the B9 Summit in Bratislava and the NATO Summit in Vilnius, and about the possibilities to provide further support to Ukraine.

Thank you.

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