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Baltic States and Poland Track 2 Deterrence and Strategic Stability Dialogue and Study

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Objective:

New questions arise daily concerning overall NATO alliance cohesion and commitment in the face of Russian aggression. Understanding how deterrence and crisis stability operate within conflict and how crisis actions may affect overall strategic stability is vital to efforts to prevent or de-escalate future tensions, particularly in NATO frontline states. CSIS will examine deterrence challenges that face frontline states on NATO's eastern border with Russia and the implications of military posture and security matters in that geography for overall strategic stability between the United States/NATO and Russia. This project will bring together U.S., Polish, and Baltic experts to review and discuss topics such as forward-deployed, non-strategic nuclear weapons, "gray zone" conflicts, and the importance of energy and economic markets to crisis stability. This project will provide scholars with new knowledge on emerging deterrence challenges faced in light of the Ukrainian crisis.

Approach:

This project will be carried out in two phases. In the first phase, the CSIS team will examine primary and secondary documents and engage Track 1 and Track 2 participants who are thought leaders on relevant issues in Europe. This research will be facilitated by a trip to Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia. In the second phase, CSIS will host a dialogue among American, Polish, and Baltic experts in Washington, D.C., to review and discuss the study's emerging findings and recommendations. This dialogue will include approximately 20 Track 2 participants.

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