

18 PROF. BENGT SUNDELIUS: On behalf of the Swedish  
19 presidency, our Minister of Defense Sten Tolgfors will  
20 take part in the conference. Unfortunately he was  
21 called away this morning. He also has bosses that he  
22 has to report to, but he will join the conference after  
23 lunch. In his place we have the most senior civil  
24 servant in the defense ministry, Johan Raeder, who is  
25 director general of political affairs and a long term

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1 not only practitioner but also analyst. When I first  
2 got into this business I was director of research at the  
3 National Defense Research establishment, and on my  
4 payroll was a young Johan Raeder. He never showed up  
5 though, because he had already been recruited to the  
6 defense ministry, where he's been sailing up to the  
7 highest civil servant position in the ministry. So  
8 please, Johan Raeder, on behalf of the minister of  
9 defense and on behalf of the Swedish presidency.

10 MR. JOHAN RAEDER: Good morning, thank you very much for  
11 that introduction. I think that shows Bengt's skills in  
12 promoting careers by remote control. I think that it's  
13 all clear that the fundamental idea behind this  
14 conference is to promote trans-Atlantic cooperation, to  
15 make our societies more secure. And it's not a  
16 coincidence that this conference is held back to back to  
17 the fourth European security research conference.  
18 European security and trans-Atlantic security are  
19 interlinked. And the cooperation between MSB and the  
20 DHS of course is an important part of this. We're all  
21 dependent on the basic structures of modern society.  
22 When traveling here to this conference you have all  
23 benefited from a safe, secure and efficient  
24 transportation infrastructure including airports and  
25 airplanes. When doing so, I'm sure that you have stayed

1 in contact with your respective employers -- I'm not  
2 sure if anyone would want to state the opposite there --  
3 or with your dear ones, using a global communications  
4 network. Even right now, although I hope not too  
5 excessively, some of you here in this room might be  
6 surfing the internet.

7 The need for a safe, secure and efficient global  
8 infrastructure is obvious to all of us, but as our  
9 societies are changing so too are the threats and the  
10 risks that we face. These threats are diverse ranging  
11 from the increased risks of storms or flooding because  
12 of climate change to technical breakdowns and terrorist  
13 attacks. Cooperation across the Atlantic is necessary.  
14 It is based on our common understanding of the  
15 challenges to modern society but also on shared core  
16 values such as liberty, democracy, rule of law and  
17 respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

18 Societal security is a shared responsibility for  
19 everyone. Prevention, response and recovery from crises  
20 are responsibilities for all actors in society. At the  
21 same time we must make efficient use of all of society's  
22 resources. We need to build partnerships across  
23 sectors, across nations and between continents, and of  
24 course in the case of the European Union, across  
25 pillars.

1 Earlier this week the Swedish presidency of the EU  
2 arranged an informal defense ministerial meeting in  
3 Gothenburg. At that meeting ministers discussed  
4 increased cooperation in the area of sea surveillance.  
5 Although this is mainly a matter for the European  
6 Commission, defense ministers do hold control over some  
7 of the key assets that are needed to establish a common  
8 situational awareness. With increasing costs, it makes  
9 less sense to build separate systems for military and  
10 civilian needs. Later today Defense Minister Sten  
11 Tolgfors will present to you the thinking behind our  
12 initiative in this area. Basically though, it is about  
13 this: We need to make best use of the systems we've  
14 acquired. We need to share our expertise. We need to  
15 exchange lessons learned and formulate a vision for a  
16 common good. How to make our societies safer and more  
17 secure while at the same time keeping them open and  
18 prosperous. We know that huge resources are spent on  
19 maritime situational awareness on both sides of the  
20 Atlantic. This is an important area for the European  
21 Union and for the countries around the Baltic Sea, and  
22 it's of course basically the same challenges that the  
23 U.S. and Canada are working to meet. By coordinating  
24 our work we can identify potential gaps and use our  
25 resources in a more efficient manner. This in turn

1 leads to the challenge of interoperability, technically,  
2 in terminology, and in processes. Meetings like this  
3 between scientists, program managers, business  
4 executives and government representatives are a  
5 necessary part in addressing this challenge. That's why  
6 this conference is so important, and that's why Sweden  
7 attaches such great importance to your work and to our  
8 cooperation with the U.S. and the Department of Homeland  
9 Security.

10 Good luck and thank you.