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After years of political 'honey moon' the relationship between Poland and the US found itself in a political void. The Missile Defence project restored the lost sense of close commonality of interests only for a while. Poland and the US remain NATO allies, and the restoration of American power in world politics undoubtedly brings more security for Europe and Poland. But the partnership developed in the 1990s – an added value to Poland's membership in NATO – seems to be loosing momentum.

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The North Atlantic treaty of 1949 created the first multilateral military alliance to span the North Atlantic Ocean in time of peace. The alliance possessed in 1949 preponderant power over any potential adversary of combination of adversaries; not power to defend but power to defeat and thus to deter. The last time a comparable grand alliance had been created in peacetime was in 1815 after Waterloo (…). That alliance lasted only seven years. (*From the preface*)

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Although the Lisbon treaty introduces some rules concerning EU energy Policy, it does not constitute a true watershed for the development of that policy. The treaty does not transfer the powers in area of security of supply of energy resources to the supranational level, confirming exclusive competence that national governments enjoy in that crucial field. At the same time, even if the new treaty were to remain unimplemented there is a possibility for the development of other pillars of the community energy policy (i.e. unboundling and climate policy), provided that the EU institutions and member states demonstrate the political will to go forward in that very contentious area.

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