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The goal of terrorism is always to spread fear and to sow discord and division and disunity. Our response to terrorism, in all its forms, wherever it appears, is to unite and stand up for our open and free societies. We have many different tools in the fight against terrorism and we need to use them all, because terrorism comes in many different forms and wears many different guises. It rears its head in conflicts far away, but also in our own cities. To fight radicalization at home, we need social workers, teachers and religious leaders, poets and artists, people from all walks of life. We need our police and our intelligence services. To bring an end to conflicts which fuel terrorism, we need political, diplomatic, and economic efforts. And we need military might. NATO's involvement in the fight against terrorism stems directly from the 9/11 attacks on the United States. For the first and only time in NATO's history, we invoked our Article 5, our collective defense clause of our Founding Treaty, which states that an attack against one is an attack against all Allies.