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**Ms Annette Klein, the Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Gdańsk, paid a visit to Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast (HQ MNC NE) on 26 March 2012.**

It was the first time to Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast for Ms Klein but as she reassured, she was very pleased with it hoping that she would have more opportunities of this kind in the future. An honorary guest was warmly welcomed and hosted by the MNC NE Commander Lieutenant General Rainer Korff. Ms Klein also participated in a specially prepared briefing about Multinational Corps Northeast – its role, tasks and organisation. *“The structure and, of course, the vision for the next few years leading to 2018 were very interesting pieces of information for me,”*

Ms Klein said after the briefing.

Having some experience of cooperating with the military, Ms Klein found the visit to Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast very interesting and informative. Ms Klein also explained that since HQ MNC NE is located in Western Pomerania, it is always a valuable experience to visit important institutions of the region the Consulate General is operating within. *“MNC NE is an icon of multinational cooperation, among other nations Poland and Germany*

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*play an important role within this Corps so as the German Consul General in Poland it was a good reason to come here and get a better idea about the work of this Corps,"* Mrs Klein also said.

All in all, Ms Klein expressed her satisfaction with the visit. *"It was extremely interesting and informative but I hope that in the future I could perhaps deepen that knowledge."*

The Consulate General in Gdańsk operates in the northern part of Poland and supports German minority living in Poland as well as German tourists travelling across Poland. But most of all, the Consulate's role is about promoting Germans and Germany in Poland. *"The main task is to inform Polish institutions and Poles about Germany and encourage exchange programmes and cultural events"* , Ms Klein explained.

*"I think that at all levels this cooperation is amazing,"*

she also said about German-Polish cooperation she experiences every day. The efforts of the Consulate General in Gdańsk are supported in the area of Szczecin by the institution of a honorary consul.

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