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Chairman Mike Rogers Statement on President Obama's Foreign Policy Speech at West Point

"I am pleased to see the President engage the American people on national security policy in a substantive way.

"I appreciate the President's intentions, but the United States of America must act boldly as we confront a dangerous world. And we must not only speak as if we are an exceptional nation – we must act like it. America has a unique place in the world as the global leader and stabilizing force. A coherent national security strategy requires a recognition of the world the way it is, and not the way we wish it were.

"America must confront not only a growing terrorist threat, but we are also seeing the rise of nation-state powers, like Russia and China, that seek to change the international order and undermine international institutions to their benefit. It is dangerous not to recognize the long-term threat to the global order posed by these developments.

"Authoritarian regimes like Syria, Russia, Iran and North Korea don't respond to words or threats about complying with international norms; they respond to actions and strength. I look forward to working with the President to help shape American's national security policies to address these many threats."

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