

The Seventh China-U.S. Dialogue on Strategic Nuclear Dynamics

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

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January 27, 2013

US Participants arrive

January 28, 2013

9:00

Opening Remarks

Chinese presenter: Chen Zhiya

US presenter: Admiral Dennis Blair

9:15

Session 1: The Strategic Set-Up and Nonproliferation Environment

What are the Chinese and US perceptions of the current strategic nuclear and nonproliferation environments? What are the primary trends and concerns? What are US and Chinese priorities in nuclear policy? What are the nonproliferation challenges? What are Chinese and US perceptions of these challenges? What are the implications of an Iranian nuclear, or near-nuclear capability on inspiring further proliferation and on Mid-East political stability?

Chinese Moderator:

US presenter: Elbridge Colby

Chinese presenter:

10:45

Coffee Break

11:00

Session 2: Iran and DPRK Nuclear Issues

What are US and Chinese perceptions of and approaches to the DPRK and Iranian crises as they relate to noncompliance? What are the similarities and differences? What are the prospects for US-China cooperation to respond to the DPRK and Iranian challenges?

How can the United States and China cooperate to strengthen the NPT and reduce the risks of noncompliance? Are Chinese views on US counterproliferation efforts like the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) evolving?

U.S. Moderator: Ralph Cossa

Chinese presenters: Hu Xiaodi / Fan Jishe

US side: Lora Saalman

12:30 **Lunch**

13:45 **Session 3: The Future of P-5 Arms Control**

What is the appropriate framework to engage in multilateral arms control? What are the alternate structures and goals for future multilateral arms control? What actions should the P-5 (or P-5 plus India and Pakistan) be taking now to improve international nuclear stability? At what level of US/Russian arsenals would China be interested in participating in arms control talks? What specific arms control steps can China undertake in the short and medium terms as negotiations proceed? What is the role of the United States? What is the status of the P-5 nuclear glossary? Can the United States and China cooperate in a P-5 framework on other issues, such as verification? Is global zero practical? Achievable?

Chinese Moderator:

US presenter: Linton Brooks

Chinese presenter: Li Hong

15:15 **Coffee Break**

15:30 **Session 4: US Rebalance to Asia and its Implications to US-China Strategic Stability**

What are the implications of the US rebalance to Asia for the US nuclear umbrella, notably on missile defense? What are the implications for US-China strategic stability? What is China's perception of Japan's ABM efforts vis-à-vis the DPRK?

U.S. Moderator: Brad Roberts (T)

Chinese side: Yao Yunzhu

US presenter: Elaine Bunn (T)

17:00 **Session Adjourns**

18:30 **Dinner**

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9:00

Session 5: Cross-Domain Deterrence

What is cross-domain deterrence? How does it work? What does it include? How does it fit into existing institutional frameworks? How could it fail? How do incidents in one domain instigate incentives for escalating in another domain? What are the implications for US-China strategic stability? How can the United States and China cooperate to enhance mutual understanding of cross-domain deterrence?

Chinese Moderator:

US presenter: Phillip Saunders (T)

Chinese discussant: Yang Mingjie

10:30

Coffee Break

10:45

Session 6: Crisis Management

What are US and Chinese theories of crisis management approaches? How do these theories translate in practice? What are the similarities and differences? What lessons has each side learned from its experiences with acute international crises? What are the implications for US-China strategic stability?

U.S. Moderator: Christopher Twomey (T)

Chinese presenter:

US presenter: Abraham Denmark

12:15

Lunch

13:45

Session 7: US-China Bilateral Confidence and Cooperation in the Nuclear Realm

What are the core requirements and organizing principles for the United States and China to move toward greater strategic reassurance and build mutual trust? What are the next steps that both countries could take to enhance strategic reassurance? Specifically, what nuclear-related confidence-building measures could the United States and China promote? What forms of missile defense transparency would be valuable for China? What sorts of warhead build end state declaration by China would be valuable for the US? Short of negotiated inspection regimes, what concerns about verification might each side have, and how can those be addressed?

Chinese Moderator:

US presenter: Lewis Dunn

Chinese presenter: Sun Xiangli

15:15

Coffee Break

15:30

Session 8: Wrap-Up

What are the meeting's key findings? What are the next steps for the United States and China? How will the leadership transition in China and the introduction of a new foreign policy and security team in the US impact bilateral nuclear dialogue?

U.S. Moderator: Dennis Blair

16:30

Closing Remarks

18:30

Dinner