

The Eighth China-U.S. Dialogue on Strategic Nuclear Dynamics
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CONFERENCE AGENDA

November 4, 2013

9:00 Opening Remarks

Chinese presenter: Zhang Yu
US presenter: Dennis Blair

9:10 Session 1: The Strategic Environment

What are Chinese and US perceptions of the current strategic environment? What are the primary trends and concerns? What are our shared objectives and concerns when it comes to halting the spread of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction, and responding to noncompliance issues/crises in particular? What are the implications of President Obama's Berlin speech and overtures to Moscow for future arms reductions? Does President Xi's "China dream" have a nuclear dimension? What role will/should nuclear weapons play in the emerging "new major country relationship" between Beijing and Washington? How does this play out in dealing with denuclearization on the Korean Peninsula? In dealing with Iran's presumed nuclear ambitions?

Chinese Moderator: Yao Yunzhu
US presenter: Linton Brooks
Chinese presenter: Qian Lihua

10:45 Coffee Break

11:00 Session 2: Nonproliferation Cooperation

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?

US Moderator: Ralph Cossa
Chinese presenter: Fan Jishe
US presenter: Lewis Dunn

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Session 3: Nuclear Doctrine and Force Modernization

What are US and Chinese priorities in nuclear policy? What is the meaning and impact of the new US Nuclear Employment Strategy? While Chinese nuclear doctrine and commitment to NFU remain unchanged, how do Chinese characterize recent and ongoing changes in capabilities and nuclear force modernization? What evidence can Chinese present to counter controversial academic assessments of Chinese nuclear capabilities (such as Phillip Karber)? How would US specialists characterize current

Chinese nuclear doctrine? How do Chinese specialists characterize current US nuclear doctrine? What are the major perception gaps? How do force modernization plans impact policy?

Chinese Moderator: Fan Jishe

US presenter: Brad Roberts

Chinese presenter: Sun Xiangli

15:30 **Coffee Break**

15:45 **Session 4: Breakout Sessions**

Group I: Space code of conduct

What would be the components of a space code of conduct? How would a code of conduct complement other space negotiations?

Chinese chair: Hu Yumin

Chinese lead: Li Bin

US lead: Bruce MacDonald

Group II: Verification

Examination of the history of US-Soviet/Russian verification issues and lessons learned that might apply to Sino-US or broader multilateral verification efforts. What are Chinese views of the value and limitations of inspections in arms control agreements, drawing in part on the CWC and the CTBT experiences?

US chair: Jerry Taylor

Chinese lead: Wu Jun

US lead: Kerry Kartchner

17:00 **Session Adjourns**

18:30 **Dinner**

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9:00 **Session 5: Plenary Reports on Breakout Sessions**

Chinese Moderator: Chen Zhou

US chair: Jerry Taylor

Chinese chair: Li Bin

10:15 **Coffee Break**

10:30 **Session 6: Missile defense**

What impact has North Korea's missile and nuclear programs had on US missile defense plans? How does this impact China's deterrence strategy? What are Chinese perceptions of current US missile defense capabilities and intentions? What are US views of Chinese missile defense policies and intentions? What forms of transparency would be valuable for/acceptable to both sides?

US Moderator: Christopher Twomey

Chinese presenter: Wu Riqiang

US presenter: Bruce MacDonald

11:30

Session 7: Space Cooperation

What are Chinese and US perceptions of space security? Do/can we have a common definition of the main threats in the space domain? What are our shared interests in ensuring space stability, sustainability, and development? Can space security cooperation facilitate renewed civil and commercial space ties? What would be the objectives of a treaty for the prevention of an arms race in outer space? Is such an effort verifiable? How can China and the United States work in concert and build toward a framework to prevent space weaponization, control escalation, and avoid armed conflict in space? [This session should incorporate the key findings from the breakout session on developing a space code of conduct.]

US presenter: James Clay Moltz

Chinese presenter: Song Danhui

12:30

Lunch

14:00

Session 8: Crises Management and Confidence and Security Building Measures

What mechanisms would be required to improve Sino-US coordination in the event of crisis? What is the relationship between crisis management and confidence and security building measures? What steps can the United States and China take (or avoid) in the area of nuclear arms reductions to ensure strategic stability is achieved/maintained and to build confidence? What are the core requirements and organizing principles for the United States and China to move toward greater strategic reassurance and to build mutual trust?

US Moderator: Michael Glosny

Chinese presenter: Ouyang Wei

US presenter: Michael Swaine

15:30

Coffee Break

15:45

Session 9: Wrap-Up

What are the meetings key findings and conclusions? What are the next steps for this dialogue and for the broader China-US strategic relationship?

Chinese Moderator: Zhang Tuosheng

US presenter: Dennis Blair

Chinese presenter: Hu Side