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Meeting with Minister of Foreign Affairs Tang Jiaxuan
Thursday, July 13

U.S. Attendees: CORE 10

Chinese Attendees: TBD

Background:

Foreign Minister Tang replaced Qian Qichen, who you met with during your 1998 trip to China. You have not met with FM Tang, at least since he has been Foreign Minister. The MFA plays a leading role for China in proliferation, arms control, human rights, and POW resolution issues.

Objectives:

- Provide U.S. perspective on serving globally and in Asia, including focus on Taiwan, missile defense, proliferation, Korea, and range of other international security issues
- Counter China's misperceptions about U.S. strategy and intent internationally
- Accentuate importance of sustained mil-mil relationship to build confidence and avoid miscalculation
- Gain support for Korean War accounting, which has become a much more visible concern to the American people and the Congress.

Key Themes:

- Need for consistent, frank dialogue as foundation of constructive bilateral relationship
- Importance of the military to military relationship as component of state to state relationship
- Restraint on Taiwan, peaceful resolution, and no use of force
- Importance of US approval of PNTR and China and Taiwan's entry into WTO
- Cooperation on resolving Korean War POW issues will benefit our relationship
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