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**Environmental MOU Signing Ceremony  
Wednesday, July 12**

**U.S. Attendees:** Entire US delegation

**Chinese Attendees:** General Chi Haotian and PLA attendees at plenary session

**Background:**

During your January 1998 visit to China, you and General Chi agreed to explore potential defense to defense environmental cooperation. In early 1999, an agreement was drafted, negotiated, and coordinated, for possible signing in April 1999. In May 2000, the Chinese said they were ready to sign the agreement as negotiated in 1999. The package was restaffed and approved for signing during this visit.

The next steps will be for both sides to arrange an exchange of military environmental delegations to develop specific programs for information exchanges.

**Objectives:**

- Establish a framework for cooperation in the exchange of environmental protection research and developmental information

**Key Themes:**

- Acknowledge that the quality of the ecological environment plays a significant role in the development, stability and security of both our nations
- Recognize the benefits to be obtained from scientific and rationalized military environmental protection
- Improve our mutual conventional defense environmental capabilities through the application of emerging technology

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