



## A C.P.D.C. POSITION PAPER

### The C.C.P.'s Threat to U.S. National Security

**Executive Summary:** The People's Republic of China (PRC) and more specifically, **the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) under President Xi Jinping poses an existential threat to the security and sovereignty of the United States and all other liberal democratic republics and non-totalitarian nation states. It is the CCP's goal to establish total societal control within the PRC and to project this same level of domination worldwide.**

The CCP is pursuing this goal relentlessly using a sophisticated strategy aimed at **surpassing the United States in all instruments of national power** – including militarily, and thus achieving the status of the world's only superpower. Execution of this strategy is the top priority of the CCP's use of its vast industrial base and growing economic power. Those resources have, in turn, been substantially enhanced by underwriting from American capital markets and transfers of intellectual property and productive capacity from U.S. companies, government contractors, academic institutions and research laboratories.

**To defeat the Chinese Communist threat, the United States must employ an integrated, whole-of-government approach.** Just as the PRC incorporates all elements of state power into its drive for world domination, we must counter the CCP threat in all spheres and on all levels. Americans must demonstrate even greater resolve and commitment to secure freedom today than we did vis a vis a relatively less formidable adversary, the Soviet Union, during the Cold War.

**The Chinese Communist Party Threat:** The CCP's decades-long ambition has been fundamentally to change the world order and supplant the United States' real, and perceived, position of dominance in international affairs. To advance its goal, the CCP has been working to have the world's most powerful economy. It is now clear that it intends to employ the resulting, massive wealth to build the world's supreme military power.

That buildup is worrying not just because of its relentless growth. It is also ominous because it is bringing capabilities to bear that are far in excess of those needed for defense of the PRC or, for that matter, limited offensive operations against Taiwan. **These capabilities are rapidly outstripping our current military capabilities in the Indo-Pacific.**

The CCP's desired end-state for strategic superiority in Asia ultimately rests on **the People's Liberation Army (PLA) becoming in the near-term the most dominant force within the so-called "Second Island Chain."** The CCP's goal is to achieve this military advantage by 2030 and thus: force Japan, Taiwan, the nations of the South China Sea to accede to Beijing's physical control over the disputed territories Beijing

asserts are its sovereign territory; expel U.S. forces from the region; and secure the submission of the United States and its erstwhile allies to Chinese dictates.

The CCP's ambitions do not end there, however. Indeed, **PLA forces being put into place at this moment – increasingly in and from what amount to Belt and Road Initiative colonies – are clearly consistent with the Party's determination to project power across the globe.** Far beyond the Western Pacific, the Chinese navy and other forces are now operating in the Indian Ocean, Europe, the Atlantic, Mediterranean, the Arctic, Antarctic and even the Caribbean and Western hemisphere.

In addition to a vast modernization program that is greatly expanding China's military capabilities at sea, in the air, in space, in cyberspace and on land, the CCP aggressively employs other, non-kinetic instruments of **“Unrestricted Warfare.”** These include: global espionage operations to exploit commercial and academic contacts; cyber-theft; corruption; subversion; and “Civil-Military Integration.”

The last of these involves the well-documented use by the CCP of companies like **Huawei** and **DJI** as extensions of PRC power. Another example includes the role of **COSCO Shipping Lines**, which in many ways acts as a de facto Military Sealift Command or National Defense Reserve Fleet. The CCP has used cyber-attacks to help COSCO gain market share over competitors such as Maersk lines. Another activity that supports Communist China's military objectives involves the use of CCP companies, interests and agents to gain control over foreign port operations, stevedoring, trucking, pilotage, and related functions in key strategic areas such as Panama, Kenya, Sri Lanka and Djibouti. Dual-use airlines and oil exploration equipment are also strategic enablers.

In addition, **the Communist Chinese utilize overt, low visibility and covert advance force activities** (including paramilitary, United Front and aggressive influence operations) to decisively shape the regional and world environment. These include; activities inside the United States, Taiwan, Venezuela, the Horn of Africa and Cuba; the facilitation of illegal migrant transit through Mexico into America; and the movement of fentanyl into the United States. All of these activities set the stage for more aggressive phases of CCP adventurism.

Furthermore, **Chinese proliferation** has been directly and indirectly responsible for turning Pakistan and North Korea into nuclear missile powers -- thereby assisting Chinese strategies to undermine the security of neighboring states like India, South Korea and Japan, notably by severing their military relationships with the United States.

The PRC is similarly using its **Belt and Road Initiative** to deny the United States access to strategic regions and resources as it works to dominate nations seduced into giving such access to the CCP. Many of the treaties and agreements used to effect such domination are one-sided debt-traps, designed to serve China's geostrategic interests at the expense of the nations in question and the West.

The same purpose animates the **Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)** that unites most of Eurasia in a decidedly anti-American block. The SCO enables the PLA to conduct large-scale multilateral military exercises and penetrate foreign governments and their armed forces. Ditto the **China-Africa Defense and Security Forum** which includes *all* African states, diminishing U.S. influence and military access **and defending dictatorships.** **China currently is seeking a similar military “Forum”** for Latin America.

**Recommended U.S. Response:** *All instruments of U.S. national power must be rapidly built up* with a clear objective and unity of effort in synchronization with our strategic allies. The objective must be to check, contain, isolate, and rollback the CCP military and its global ambitions.

The American military buildup must focus on a **rapid enhancement of credible full-spectrum capabilities** with an emphasis on ensuring our naval and air forces are equipped with missile systems that are longer-range and more survivable than their PLA counterparts. Likewise, mobile and lethal ground-domain capabilities, long-range fires (to include hypersonic weapons), and decisive freedom of maneuver in the space and cyber domains must be achieved. Critical enabling lines of effort include an ability of improved Special Operation Forces (SOF) capabilities to address and counter PRC moves.

Furthermore, **partner nations and institutions must be exhorted to re-build their military capabilities** that have generally been allowed to atrophy since the end of the Cold War. Likewise, allies that are already engaged in the modernization of their military capabilities vis-à-vis the CCP should be publicly encouraged. An added bonus from this approach can be the deterrence of Russian opportunism that directly contributes to aiding the CCP's expansionist military strategy.

Our efforts and those of our allies must be coordinated and synchronized as expressed in the Pentagon's Indo-Pacific Strategy Report within a larger strategy to counter China's drive for global strategic dominance. We should push the adoption of an **Indo-Pacific Charter** with India, Australia, Japan, and other like-minded allies and partners for the same purposes as the Atlantic Charter that helped define the world's containment policy against the USSR.

There must in addition be **an immediate plan of action for equipping Taiwan to deter the CCP**. We must also end the isolation of the Taiwanese military and fully embrace Taiwan into an alliance dedicated to countering Beijing's expansionism.

**Conclusion: We have spent decades acting as if the CCP was focused on cooperation and peaceful coexistence. It is not. It has never been.**

Rather, the CCP is determined to achieve world domination. While we have slumbered, it has made great strides toward achieving this goal. There is no time to waste, and only national-level coordinated action on our part will be sufficient to ensure our survival and – with our help as history's most benign leading political, military and economic global power – that of the rest of the Free World.

## Appendix: A Sample of Recommended National Security Actions

### 1) Rebuilding the U.S. Military

- Harden of US bases in Western Pacific
- Expand the use of the Coast Guard
- Rapidly buildup of the US Navy to 400 vessels
- Rapidly buildup to 250 long-range strike aircraft
- Rapid develop multiple manned and unmanned air combat platforms
- Modernize and expand the numbers of U.S. intercontinental and tactical nuclear forces
- Deploy widely supersonic and highly survivable anti-ship ballistic and cruise missiles

### 2) Engaging Decisively in Information Warfare

- Employ [decisive whole-of-government efforts to counter PRC information operations](#). These efforts must be characterized by energy and persistence not seen since the Eisenhower Administration to nullify and rollback PRC influence and advance force operations
- Create a Department of State-led Joint Inter-Agency Task Force (JIATF) on Strategic Communications to drill through the Great Chinese Firewall and present information to the Chinese populace that tells the US side of the international story and that champions in a non-partisan way U.S. values as discussed in the National Security Strategy.
- Wherever possible, invoke key statutory tools such as the Foreign Agent Registration Act and the Defense Production Act
- Aggressively enforce health and safety standards on imported Chinese products
- Dismantle CCP front activities associated with intellectual property theft, influence operations, ocean shipping, maritime activities (to include island building), airlines and resource exploration

### 3) Countering CCP Corporate Bad Actors

- [Stop financing malevolent CCP companies in U.S. Capital Markets](#). Period.
- Block “Communist Chinese military companies” designated by the Pentagon (including notably Huawei) and others like DJI, and COSCO that seek to advance Chinese military or intelligence goals from doing business in this country
- Sanction Chinese companies and individuals engaged in nuclear/missile proliferation and cyber warfare and prevent Wall Street from enabling such activities by continuing to underwrite them even when it is illegal to do business with their perpetrators

### 4) Enhance U.S. Intelligence

Reorganize, streamline and reenergize the Intelligence Community to collect more effectively against and oppose Chinese world-wide aggression. These efforts should include covert action.