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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● December 5, 2012 State Department Daily Press Briefing (Daily Press Briefing) Quote: "I'm not going to lay out what actions we want China to do. I think there's broad agreement among the Six-Party members about the fact that this launch would be a bad idea for North Korea. We're going to continue to consult closely with them on next steps, if and when that launch occurs. But I'm not going to lay out what we want to see, any of the Six-Party members to talk – just to reiterate that, we are talking closely, we are consulting closely, and whatever actions we do take will be coordinated." ● December 10, 2012 State Department Daily Press Briefing (Daily Press Briefing) Quote: "You know how closely we work with China on these issues. So they compared notes about what we're seeing and the question was what influence China could bring to bear on the DPRK to see reason and focus on the development of their country and the feeding of their people rather than on ballistic missile launches that are in violation of their international obligations." ● December 12, 2012 Remarks from White House Press Secretary Jay Carney (Press Briefing by Press Secretary Jay Carney) Quote: "What we have seen since the President came into office is the building of an international consensus that includes Russia and China in opposition to these actions. I think you saw the Chinese made clear their opposition to this launch prior to it, and their regret over the fact that it took place after it happened. So we will continue to work with our international partners to ensure that the North Korean regime is further isolated, that it is further punished for its flagrant violations of international obligations, and the specifics behind those further steps will await action in New York." ● December 13, 2012 State Department Daily Press Briefing (Daily Press Briefing) Quote: "First of all, as Ambassador Rice said yesterday after the first round of consultations up in New York, we are working with both our Six-Party partners and with our UN Security Council partners – China is in both of those categories – on a clear and credible response to what the North Koreans have done. The action on that has moved to New York. We are working hard with the Chinese and with our other partners to make it clear that the international community is extremely concerned about this flagrant violation of international law." | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● December 4, 2012 Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hong Lei's Regular Press Conference (Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hong Lei's Regular Press Conference on December 4, 2012) Quote: "As a sovereign country, the DPRK is entitled to peaceful use of the outer space. However, given the situation on the Korean Peninsula and the restrictions of relevant UN Security Council resolutions, China hopes that the DPRK side can act prudently with the larger interests of peace and stability of the Korean Peninsula in mind. The Chinese side also stays in communication with other parties to the Six-Party Talks, hoping that they could take a long-term and calm approach and avoid taking actions that may further escalate the situation." ● December 11, 2012 Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hong Lei's Regular Press Conference (Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hong Lei's Regular Press Conference on December 11, 2012) Quote: "The Chinese side has kept in communication with the US side and other parties concerned over the satellite launch of the DPRK. Under the current circumstances, the Chinese side hopes that relevant parties could look at the big picture and the long-term, handle the current situation in a cool-headed and proper manner so as to avoid further escalation of tension and jointly uphold peace and stability of the Korean Peninsula and the region." ● December 12, 2012 Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hong Lei's Regular Press Conference (Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hong Lei's Regular Press Conference on December 12, 2012) Quote: "The DPRK has the right of peaceful use of the outer space, but the right is subject to restrictions of relevant UN Security Council resolutions. As a UN member state, the DPRK has the obligation to abide by relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council. China believes that the Security Council's reaction should be prudent, moderate and conducive to maintaining peace and stability of the Korean Peninsula so as to avoid further escalation of situation." ● December 13, 2012 Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hong Lei's Regular Press Conference (Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hong Lei's Regular Press Conference on December 13, 2012) Quote: "The DPRK's satellite launch further highlighted the importance and urgency of resuming the Six-Party Talks. We hope relevant parties could work together for the resumption and promotion of relevant process." |



Issue 2. Direction of U.S.-Chinese Cooperation: A Need for the Development of Cooperative Partnership

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 7, 2012 Statements from the Department of State Under Secretary of Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment Robert D. Hormats at the 'U.S. Economic Engagement with the Asia Pacific' (U.S. Economic Engagement with the Asia Pacific) <p>Quote: [While] we will press for specific changes that benefit our economic interests, American economic interests, we will also look for broader areas of common interest with China where we can develop the interests of China and the United States together [...] This is, I think, going to be a very important part of Chinese-American collaboration – to identify areas where we, as the Chinese call it, can engage in “win-win”</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 24, 2012 Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hua Chunying’s Regular Press Conference (Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hua Chunying's Regular Press Conference on December 24, 2012) <p>Quote: “China stands ready to work together with the US side to push forward the development of China-US cooperative partnership and actively explore ways to build the new type of relations between China and the US as two major countries.”</p> |



Issue 3. Economic Cooperation: The Economic Rise of China and the Role of the U.S. in the Global System

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 5, 2012 Statements from the Department of State Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment Robert D. Hormats at the Ambassador's Investment Forum (Remarks at the Ambassador's Investment Forum) Quote: "Today, at this forum, we are focusing on increasing Chinese investment in the United States, which clearly is a "win-win" opportunity. [But] [...] Promoting Chinese investment in the United States is not without challenges. [...] even as China increases the number of its investments in the United States, it also will need to ensure fair market access for U.S. companies that wish to invest in China and that such investments are not subject to excessive or unwarranted impediments. we will need to work together in the coming years to codify our investment relationship through a Bilateral Investment Treaty [that] reassure[s] investors of both countries that markets will remain open, predictable, and transparent." December 7, 2012 Statements from the Department of State Under Secretary of Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment Robert D. Hormats at the 'U.S. Economic Engagement with the Asia Pacific' (U.S. Economic Engagement with the Asia Pacific) Quote: "Through the U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue, as well as other for a such as the JCCT, we've focused on building a cooperative economic partnership with China. The United States welcomes a strong, a prosperous, and a successful China that plays a key role in world affairs and adheres to international standards. [...] [We] must find ways to ensure that one side does not seek to accomplish its objectives at the expense of the other. December 12, 2012 Remarks from the Department of State Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment Robert D. Hormats at the Asia Society in New York City (Keynote Remarks: Asian Regional Economic Integration) Quote: "It is important to have buy-in from China. If you look at the original silk road, the destination on the East was for the most part China. [...] The Chinese see this as a great opportunity for moving goods and people and raw materials between China and other parts of the region—Chinese manufactured goods to the West and raw materials and energy to the East, to China. So we see China as playing an important role. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 3, 2012 Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hong Lei's Regular Press Conference (Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hong Lei's Regular Press Conference on December 3, 2012) Quote: "China-US economic and trade relations is essentially mutually beneficial. The two sides should properly handle differences in the principle of mutual accommodation, mutual benefit, and equal consultation. Blaming China can not solve the US' own problems. The US side should do more that is conducive to China-US mutual trust and cooperation, which is in line with the US' own interests. We hope both sides will make the most of such platforms as the China-US Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade to deepen cooperation and resolve frictions for the sound and stable development of China-US economic and trade relations based on mutual benefit." December 25, 2012 Xinhua News Agent Commentary Quote: "Being the world's only superpower and the issuer of the dominant global reserve currency, the United States has a unique role and an unshirkable duty to help cure the ailing global economy," "In today's economically interconnected and interdependent world, it is more of a benefit than of a burden that Washington honors its global responsibility" "Should Washington fail to pull itself from the escarpment, the repercussions would throw the whole world into a cold winter of stagnant growth and laggard recovery." |



- **December 18, 2012 Remarks from the Department of State Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of African Affairs Michael Pelletier at LiveAtState: U.S. Policy Towards Africa ([LiveAtState: U.S. Policy Towards Africa](#))**

Quote: "Africa is currently experiencing economic development; we have seen the statistics, we have seen that six countries out of the world's 10 most dynamic in terms of economic growth are now in Africa. So we believe there is room for the United States, for China, for all possible partners with African countries to be able to operate, to have partnerships to encourage economic development in Africa. I do not see it so much as a matter of competition. It is a matter of where there is room, where there are opportunities for all countries from around the world to help and participate in Africa's economic growth."

- **December 19, 2012 Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hua Chunying's Regular Press Conference ([Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hua Chunying's Regular Press Conference on December 19, 2012](#))**

Quote: "I would like to point out that trade protectionism not only undermines the atmosphere of China-US economic and trade cooperation, but is also inconducive to the interests of the US industry itself. We hope both sides could make full use of the existing cooperation mechanisms and properly resolve trade disputes through dialogue."



Issue 4. Cooperation on Military Security: Questions over Chinese Aircraft Carrier Program and the U.S. Presence in Pacific Asia

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- **December 6, 2012 Statements from Admiral Samuel J. Locklear III, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command** ([DOD News Briefing with Adm. Locklear from the Pentagon](#))

Quote: "My assessment is that if I were China and I was in the economic position that China is in, and I was in a position of where I have to look after my global security interests, I would consider building an aircraft carrier. And I might consider building several aircraft carriers. So the real question is whether we should be concerned with them or not. Like any other country that builds aircraft carriers is whether or not those types of platforms will be successfully integrated into a global security environment that's a peaceful one."

- **December 18, 2012 Remarks from Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta** ([Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta at the National Press Club, Washington, D.C.](#))

Quote: "We are deepening our engagement and developing rotational deployments with allies and partners such as Singapore and the Philippines and expanding our mil-to-mil dialogue and exchanges with China. We are also enhancing our presence and capabilities in the region. That includes reallocating the naval fleet to achieve in these next few years a 60/40 split between the Pacific and the Atlantic Oceans -- hopefully, we will do that by 2020 -- increasing Army and Marine presence in the region after Iraq and Afghanistan, locating our most advanced aircraft in the Pacific, including new deployments of F-22s and the MV-22 Ospreys to Japan, and laying the groundwork for the first overseas deployment of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter to Iwakuni in 2017."



Issue 5. Human Rights: Self-immolation Protests by Tibetans

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● December 4, 2012 Statements from the Department of State Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor Michael Posner’s Media Stakeout (Department of State Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor Michael Posner’s Media Stakeout) Quote: “We met last week with three family members of people who had self-immolated in the last couple of years. It’s a tragic situation. I think there are now more than 80 people who have self-immolated in and around Tibet. As Victoria Nuland said last week, we are urging the government of China to respect the cultural and linguistic and other basic rights of the Tibetan people, and we’re also urging that there be a direct discussion between the government and representatives of the Dali Lama. So we very much hope that the desperation that led to these acts can be alleviated by more attention to the basic rights of the Tibetan people.” ● December 14, 2012 State Department Daily Press Briefing (Daily Press Briefing) Quote: “We continue to publicly and privately to urge the Chinese Government at all levels to address policies in Tibetan areas that have created tensions and threaten the distinct religious, cultural, and linguistic identity of the Tibetan people. So we call on the Chinese Government to permit Tibetans to express their grievances freely, publicly, peacefully, and without fear of retribution. So this is something that is very much a part of our dialogue with the Chinese Government.” | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● December 17, 2012 Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hua Chunying’s Regular Press Conference (Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hua Chunying’s Regular Press Conference on December 17, 2012) Quote: “Tibet-related affairs are purely China’s internal affairs. Recently, a few political leaders of the US, the EU and Canada made groundless accusations of China on Tibet-related issues in disregard of facts, which is an interference in China’s internal affairs. China expresses strong dissatisfaction and resolute opposition to it. The great achievements made in the political, economic, cultural and other aspects of Tibet in the past 61 years since Tibet’s peaceful liberation are known to the whole international community. We demand relevant parties to correct their wrong words and deeds, earnestly respect China’s sovereignty, and do not do anything that interferes in China’s internal affairs.” ● December 12, 2012 People’s Daily Editorial (Tibet Independence Year’ just a fantasy) Quote: The Dalai clique is planning a series of Tibetan separatist activities in the name of celebrating the anniversary of the Dalai Lama’s winning of the Nobel Peace Prize on Dec. 10, and is also hyping the concept of “2013 – Tibet Independence Year.” The clique is “sparing no effort to make the Tibet cause one of the most important topics on international forums in 2013.” |



Issue 6. Asia Pacific Issues: Contending Views on Territorial Disputes over Senkaku (Diaoyu) Islands

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● December 13, 2012 State Department Daily Press Briefing (Daily Press Briefing) Quote: "Our view on the Senkakus in general hasn't changed. I don't have anything new to say there. I would simply say that incidents like the one we've seen in the past 24 hours just underscore once again the importance of Japan and China talking to each other, working these issues through consensually [...] I'm not going to speak for the Chinese Government and its motives. You can ask them that question." ● December 14, 2012 State Department Daily Press Briefing (Daily Press Briefing) Quote: "We are concerned by the flight of a Chinese Government airplane near the Senkakus. It's important to avoid actions that raise tensions and to prevent miscalculations that could undermine peace, security, and economic growth in the region. And so we've raised our concerns with the Chinese Government directly and made clear that U.S. policy and commitments regarding the Senkakus Islands are longstanding and have not changed [...] we think it's important to avoid any actions that raise tensions." ● December 21, 2012 State Department Daily Press Briefing (Daily Press Briefing) Quote: "I don't have anything for you specifically other than to say our policy is longstanding and has not changed. I'd have to look into whether we have a specific reaction to developments overnight, but I'm not aware that – of anything at this point." | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● December 3, 2012 Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hong Lei's Regular Press Conference (Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hong Lei's Regular Press Conference on December 3, 2012) Quote: "The Chinese side expresses serious concern over and firm opposition to the US Senate's amendment to the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013" concerning the Diaoyu Islands issue. The Diaoyu Island and its affiliated islands have been China's inherent territory since ancient times and China has indisputable sovereignty over them. The US-Japan Security Treaty is the product of the Cold War and should not go beyond the bilateral scope or undermine the interests of a third party. The US side stated on many occasions that it would not take sides over the territorial dispute between China and Japan. We hope the US side can have in mind the larger picture of regional peace and stability, do what it says, refrain from sending out a conflicting and wrong message, and contribute more to regional peace and stability." ● December 13, 2012 Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hong Lei's Regular Press Conference (Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hong Lei's Regular Press Conference on December 13, 2012) Quote: "[...] The flight into the airspace of the Diaoyu Islands by a Chinese maritime surveillance plane is completely normal. The Chinese side demands the Japanese side to stop its illegal activities in the waters and airspace of the Diaoyu Islands." "Peace, development and cooperation are currently the mainstream of the regional situation. We hope relevant countries' bilateral cooperation [of the Philippines and the US] could keep in line with this trend" ● December 23, 2012 Remarks by Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hua Chunying (Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hua Chunying's Remarks on the China-Related Content of the 2013 National Defense Authorization Act Approved by the US Congress) Quote: "China is seriously concerned about and firmly opposed to the China-related content of the 2013 National Defense Authorization Act approved by the US Congress. China's position on the Diaoyu Islands issue is consistent and clear. The Diaoyu Island and its affiliated islands have been China's inherent territory since ancient times. As a bilateral arrangement made under special historical conditions, the <i>US-Japan Security Treaty</i> should not undermine any third party's interests, including those of China and even less should it interfere in the territorial dispute between other countries." |



Issue 7. Middle East and Africa Issues: Contending Views on Syria and Iran, Cooperation in Afghanistan

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● December 10, 2012 State Department Daily Press Briefing (Daily Press Building) Quote: "I think if you go back and read the statement that the Secretary released, it is very clear about the basis for these exceptions. And I just remind that what we are seeking here is a process of reducing dependence on Iranian oil. We obviously want to see as many countries as possible do what the European Union has done and get to zero, but we judge them on how they are reducing over time [...] again, we look at the aggregate for the period, we look at the trend line. There are – obviously the way these things go, sometimes it spikes, but it evaluates the entire period." ● December 12, 2012 Remarks from U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Susan E. Rice on Syria (Remarks by Ambassador Susan E. Rice, U.S. Permanent Ambassador to the United Nations, At a Security Council Stakeout following Consultations on North Korea) Quote: "Clearly the situation in Syria is deteriorating. We are heartened to see that there is progress in some respects, particularly in unifying the opposition. And the meeting today of the Friends of Syria in Marrakesh is an important step. The United States has indicated that we view the Syrian Opposition Coalition as <i>the</i> legitimate representative of the Syrian people and we are certainly continuing and intensifying our non-lethal and humanitarian support for the people of Syria, including through this opposition coalition. But the situation on the ground is grave and it is of great continuing concern to the United States that the Security Council, because of the triple—three times—veto by China and Russia, has been unable to take up its responsibilities to address this tragedy, which has major consequences for regional peace and security in the effective and responsible way that we believe it should. So, we will continue our efforts outside of this Council." | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● December 14, 2012 Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hong Lei's Regular Press Conference (Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hong Lei's Regular Press Conference on December 14, 2012) Quote: "We always maintain that dialogue and cooperation is the only right way to properly resolve the Iranian nuclear issue. We encourage Iran to step up cooperation with the IAEA, and hopes that the new round of talks between Iran and the P5+1 countries would be held as soon as possible for early progress and comprehensive, long-term and proper settlement of the Iranian nuclear issue. China will stay in communication with relevant parties on this issue." ● December 12, 2012 Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hong Lei's Regular Press Conference (Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hong Lei's Regular Press Conference on December 12, 2012) Quote: "The destiny of Syria should be decided by the Syrian people on their own. The political transition process led by the Syrian people should be launched and promoted as soon as possible for the fair, peaceful and proper settlement of the Syrian issue. The Chinese side hopes that all parties in Syria could work toward this end and is willing to keep in contact and communication with all parties concerned in Syria." |



- **December 3, 2012, Department of Defense Report on Progress toward Security and Stability in Afghanistan** ([Report on Progress towards Security and Stability in Afghanistan](#))

Quote: "The People's Republic of China (PRC) has two primary interests in Afghanistan: security and trade. China continues to seek improved relations with, and stability for, Afghanistan, while it devotes diplomatic efforts to develop economic relationship. Beijing has given no indication of plans to commit security personnel to Afghanistan. However, the PRC has offered to train and equip Afghan police [...] Beijing has continued to support regional diplomacy, most notably by involving President Karzai in regional economic summits [...] China is also an active participant in the ongoing Istanbul process and Chinese representatives attended the ministerial conference in Kabul in June 2012."

- **December 12, 2012 Remarks from the Department of State Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment Robert D. Hormats at the Asia Society in New York City** ([Keynote Remarks: Asian Regional Economic Integration](#))

Quote: We see enormous opportunities for connectivity between India and Afghanistan, but that obviously involves a lot of cooperation from Pakistan, which is the transit point in this process. So working these out politically, as well as commercially, is a very important objective. Central Asia, sitting on some of the world's largest energy and mineral reserves, has the potential to supply energy-hungry markets in a lot of places, such as India, Pakistan and certainly China, where new energy resources are desperately needed to power economic growth and development. So there are a lot of potential areas where this could work, but it will not work without some degree of planning and some degree of cohesion."

- **December 25, 2012 Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hua Chunying's Regular Press Conference** ([Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hua Chunying's Regular Press Conference on December 25, 2012](#))

Quote: "China applauds and supports Special Representative Brahimi's positive efforts for the political settlement of the Syrian issue. We have been paying attention to his visit to Syria and wish it a fruitful one. China is deeply concerned over the current situation in Syria. We urge all parties concerned in Syria to bear in mind the fundamental and long-term interests of the Syrian people and support Brahimi's mediation with concrete actions. We urge all parties to immediately launch an inclusive political dialogue, in accordance with the international consensus on the peaceful settlement of the Syrian issue, such as the communiqué of the Geneva foreign ministers' meeting of the Action Group on Syria, formulate a road map on political transition through consultation and set up a transitional governing body with broad representation so as to end the Syrian crisis at an early date."



Issue 8. Cybersecurity Issues: U.S. Opposition to Internet Regulations Supported by China

United States

- **December 13, 2012 State Department Daily Press Briefing** ([Daily Press Briefing](#))

Quote: “United States has consistently outlined our serious concerns about proposals at the ITU conference that would mandate unnecessary international internet regulations, regulations that would add significant cost and could lead to increased censorship. We’ve made clear that we will not accept any treaty text that includes provisions related to internet regulations, and we’ve – but at the same token, we’ve strongly supported efforts to expand international telecommunication services. So we very much regret that instead of working on that latter dossier, instead of focusing on promoting innovation and market growth in the telecom space, this conference has gone in the wrong direction. And we’ll be making our views clear with regard to the posture we take inside the room in a couple of hours out there.”



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