

U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission Hearing on  
**CHINA'S MILITARY MODERNIZATION AND ITS IMPACT ON THE  
UNITED STATES AND THE ASIA-PACIFIC**

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The U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission will conduct a public hearing on **Thursday and Friday, March 29-30, 2007 on China's Military Modernization and Its Impact on the United States and the Asia-Pacific. The hearing will be held in Room 562 in the Dirksen Senate Office Building, First Street and Constitution Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20510.**

This hearing will examine China's capacity to wage war in traditional and non-traditional ways. These include propaganda directed at foreign populations, People's Liberation Army (PLA) cyber warfare operations, PLA doctrines and tactics aimed at undermining the technological edge of adversaries (including newly-demonstrated anti-satellite capabilities), and the ways in which recent PLA modernization has affected the military balance across the Taiwan Strait.

On March 29, the Commission will focus on China's preparations for conducting irregular forms of warfare, traditional forms of warfare, and the military balance across the Taiwan Strait. To better understand these issues, the Commission will hear from members of Congress, General James E. Cartwright – Commander of the U.S. Strategic Command, and policy experts and academic scholars who have closely followed, studied, and written or spoken on these topics.

On March 30, the hearing will continue with an examination of information warfare, cyber operations, and other disruptive asymmetric capabilities being developed by the PLA. Additionally, Chinese space programs and their bearing on regional and world-wide security issues will be explored.

**Hearing Co-chairs:** Commissioners William Reinsch and Larry Wortzel

**What:** Public Hearing on "China's Military Modernization and Its Impact on the United States and the Asia-Pacific"

**When:** (1) Thursday, March 29, 2007 (8:30 am – 4:00 pm)  
(2) Friday, March 30, 2007 (8:30 am – 11:30 am)

**Where:** Room 562 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., First Street & Constitution Avenues, NE,  
Washington, DC 20510

**\* Reservations are not required; seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis \***

**Panelists' bios and written statements will be available on the Commission's website at [www.uscc.gov](http://www.uscc.gov) Thursday, March 29, 2007.**

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**Thursday, March 29**

- 8:30 to 10:00 am      **Panel I: Congressional Perspectives**
- Senator Jon Kyl (R-AZ)
  - Congressman Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA, 46<sup>th</sup> Dist.)
- 10:15 to 12:00 pm      **Panel II: Beijing’s Doctrine on the Conduct of “Irregular Forms of Warfare”**
- **Witnesses**
    - Mr. Michael G. Vickers, Senior Vice President for Strategic Studies, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, Washington, DC
    - Dr. Derek S. Reveron, Associate Professor of National Security Affairs, U.S. Naval War College, Newport, RI
    - Dr. Robert J. Bunker, CEO, Counter-OPFOR Corporation, Claremont, CA
    - Dr. William J. Schneider, Jr., International Planning Services, Inc., Arlington, VA
- 12:15 to 1:00 pm      **Lunch Break**
- 1:15 pm to 2:30 pm      **Panel III: PLA Modernization in Traditional Warfare Capabilities: Force Integration and Force Projection**
- **Witnesses**
    - Dr. Andrew S. Erickson, Assistant Professor, Strategic Research Department, U.S. Naval War College, Newport, RI
    - Mr. Cortez A. Cooper, III, Director of the East Asia Studies Center, Hicks and Associates, Inc., McLean, VA
- 2:45 to 4:00 pm      **Panel IV: The Taiwan Strait Military Balance**
- **Witnesses**
    - General James E. Cartwright, Commanding Officer, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, NE
    - RADM Eric A. McVadon USN (Ret), Director of Asia-Pacific Studies, The Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis, Inc., Washington, DC
    - Dr. Bernard D. Cole, Professor of International History, National War College, Washington, DC

## **Friday, March 30**

8:30 to 10:00 am

### **Panel V: Information Warfare, Missile Warfare, Cyber Operations, and Other Disruptive Capabilities of the PLA**

- **Witnesses:**
  - Dr. Ehsan Ahrari, Professor of Counterterrorism, Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, Honolulu, HI
  - Dr. James A. Lewis, Director and Senior Fellow of the Technology and Public Policy Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC

10:00 to 11:30 am

### **Panel VI: The PLA's Objectives in Space**

- **Witnesses**
  - Dr. Michael P. Pillsbury, Consultant, Department of Defense, Washington, DC
  - Mr. Eric D. Hagt, Director of the China Program, Center for Defense Information, Washington, DC
  - Mr. Dean Cheng, Research Fellow, Center for Naval Analysis Corporation, Alexandria, VA
  - Ms. Mary C. Fitzgerald, Research Fellow, Hudson Institute, Washington, DC  
**(Written statement submitted – will not testify in person)**