



U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

Notice of Open Public Hearing

AGENCY: U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

ACTION: Notice of open public hearing.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, and report to Congress annually on “the national security implications of the economic relationship between the United States and the People’s Republic of China.” Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a virtual public hearing in Washington, DC on May 8, 2020 on “China’s Strategic Aims in Africa.”

DATES: The hearing is scheduled for Friday, May 8, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: This hearing will be held online, with panelists and Commissioners participating via videoconference. Members of the public will be able to view a live

webcast via the Commission's website at www.uscc.gov. Please check the Commission's website for possible changes to the hearing schedule. ***Reservations are not required to attend the hearing.***

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public seeking further information concerning the hearing should contact Jameson Cunningham, 444 North Capitol Street NW, Suite 602, Washington DC 20001; telephone: 202-624-1496, or via email at jcunningham@uscc.gov. ***Reservations are not required to attend the hearing.***

ADA Accessibility: For questions about the accessibility of the event or to request an accommodation, please contact Jameson Cunningham at 202-624-1496, or via email at jcunningham@uscc.gov. Requests for an accommodation should be made as soon as possible, and at least five business days prior to the event.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: This hearing will focus on China's activity and engagement with Africa and the implications of this on the United States. The first panel will assess Beijing's strategy towards Africa and its political influence on the continent, as well as analyze the implications of Chinese surveillance technology on the continent. The second panel will then examine China's economic engagement in Africa, including its desire for key commodities and investment in critical infrastructure, as well as China's growing role in Africa's digital economy. The third panel will look at Beijing's security presence on the continent, analyzing how China's military and security relationships in Africa further its

geopolitical goals on the continent, Beijing's desire to become a preferred partner to African militaries, and China's efforts to use its security presence to protect its economic investments on the continent.

The hearing will be co-chaired by Vice Chairman Carolyn Bartholomew and Commissioner Andreas Borgeas. Any interested party may file a written statement by May 8, 2020 by transmitting to the contact above. A portion of the hearing will include a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses.

Authority: Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Public Law 106-398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Public Law 108-7), as amended by Public Law 109-108 (November 22, 2005), as amended by Public Law 113-291 (December 19, 2014).

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