

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### *China in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Central Asia*

- The Commission recommends that Congress encourage the administration to continue to work with China to utilize its influence with Islamabad to bolster Pakistan's stability and prevent the Taliban from gaining control of the region.
- The Commission recommends that Congress encourage the administration to examine carefully development programs and investment opportunities in Afghanistan and work with U.S. private businesses interested in investing there to ensure that they are able to compete effectively with Chinese state-owned companies.

### *Taiwan*

- The Commission recommends that Congress urge the administration to support recent improvements in the cross-Strait relationship.
- The Commission recommends that Congress urge the administration to take additional steps to encourage the People's Republic of China (PRC) to demonstrate the sincerity of its desire for improved cross-Strait relations by drawing down the number of forces, including missiles, opposite Taiwan.
- The Commission recommends that Congress encourage the administration to identify opportunities to strengthen bilateral economic relations between the United States and Taiwan.
- The Commission recommends that Congress encourage the administration to continue to work with Taiwan to modernize its armed forces, with particular emphasis on its air defense needs.

### *Hong Kong*

- The Commission recommends that Members of Congress, when visiting mainland China, also visit Hong Kong and that Congress encourage senior administration officials, including the secretary of State, to make visits to Hong Kong part of their travel. The Commission also recommends that Members of Congress seek dialogue with members of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong.
- The Commission recommends that Congress encourage its Members to raise the issue of preserving Hong Kong's special status when meeting with members of China's National People's Congress.

- The Commission recommends that Congress reenact the United States-Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992, which expired in 2007.
- The Commission recommends that Congress examine and assess the adequacy of U.S. export control policy for dual-use technology as it relates to the treatment of Hong Kong and the PRC as separate customs entities. The Commission further recommends that Congress urge the administration to consider ways to collaborate more closely with the authorities in Hong Kong in order to prevent the transshipment of controlled technologies from Hong Kong into the PRC.