

RECOMMENDATIONS

China's Growing Air and Conventional Missile Capabilities

- The Commission recommends that Congress require the Department of Defense, as part of the appropriate Combatant Commander's annual posture statement to Congress, to report on the adequacy of the U.S. military's capacity to withstand a Chinese air and missile assault on regional bases, as well as a list of concrete steps required to further strengthen their bases' capacity to survive such an assault and continue or resume operation.
- The Commission recommends that Congress assess the adequacy of resources available to Department of Defense's programs that seek to defend U.S. forward-deployed bases. Key programs include theater missile defense and early warning systems, hardened structures and hangers, air defense systems, and runway repair kits.
- The Commission recommends that Congress assess the adequacy of resources available to Department of Defense's programs that seek to counter China's anti-access capabilities. Key programs include long-range strike platforms, electronic warfare systems, and advanced air-to-air platforms and weapons, such as fifth generation fighters and air-to-air missiles.
- The Commission recommends that Congress urge the Department of Defense to continue to strengthen its interaction with allies in the Western Pacific. In addition, the department should expand its outreach to other nations in Asia in order to demonstrate the United State's continued commitment to the region.
- The Commission recommends that Congress urge the administration to work with allies in the region to strengthen their air and missile defense capabilities.

Developments in China's Commercial and Military Aviation Industry

- The Commission recommends that Congress urge the administration to investigate whether Beijing's policies for developing its aviation industry conflict with China's World Trade Organization commitments. Specifically, the administration should look into China's requirement for offsets in exchange for market access and government policies that favor domestic aviation manufacturing firms over foreign ones.
- The Commission recommends that Congress should review with the Department of Justice whether or not any U.S. antitrust laws, rules, and regulations impede cooperation within the air-

craft manufacturing industry to resist Chinese offset demands, and should legally authorize such cooperation, if necessary.

- The Commission recommends that Congress encourage the administration to closely monitor the transfer of technology and know-how from China's commercial aviation sector to its military aviation sector. Such monitoring should examine what impact new cooperative production, technology-sharing or other arrangements by U.S. or foreign firms might have in promoting the development of China's indigenous civilian and/or military aviation production capabilities.
- The Commission recommends that Congress hold hearings to assess administration efforts to accelerate the certification by the Federal Aviation Administration of Chinese indigenously-produced aircraft and what impact that may have on the sale of U.S. aircraft.