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the Asia-Pacific*

**Opening Statement of  
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Chairman**

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Good morning and welcome to the second hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission's 2007 reporting cycle. We are pleased that you could join us today. I would like to begin by welcoming our two newest commissioners, Dennis Shea and Mark Esper. We look forward to working with them and to their contributions to the Commission.

At today's hearing, we will be exploring the rapid modernization of the Chinese military, the People's Liberation Army. We will be assessing the implications of this hasty military buildup and the impact that it is having on the security of the United States and the stability of the Asia-Pacific region. The co-chairs of this hearing will be Commissioners Larry Wortzel and William Reinsch.

We are very pleased to hear this morning from Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo, Congressman Tim Ryan, and Congressman Dana Rohrabacher, who will assist the Commission in understanding the perspective of members of Congress on these issues and on the priorities of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress in addressing U.S.-China relations.

Later today and tomorrow, we will hear from key officials from Executive branch agencies, including General James E. Cartwright who serves as Commander of the U. S. Strategic Command, one of our military's four functional combatant commands. We will also receive testimony from Mr. Mark Cozad, a Senior Intelligence Analyst at the Defense Intelligence Agency. In addition, we will hear testimony from experts from the private sector and academia who will contribute their views and insights regarding the issues that will be addressed by this hearing.

I would now like to turn the microphone over to the Commission's Vice Chairman, Daniel Blumenthal, for his opening remarks.