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Good morning. Welcome to the second day of our hearing entitled, “China’s Military Modernization and Its Impact on the United States and the Asia-Pacific.” Yesterday we heard testimony from the Commander of the U.S. Strategic Command and a representative of the Defense Intelligence Agency, and a number of private sector and academic experts gave us their analysis of the regional impact of China’s military modernization as well as its impact on the security of the United States.

Today, we will continue to examine the modernization of the People’s Liberation Army with a special emphasis on asymmetric capabilities as well as recently demonstrated space and counter-space capabilities. We look

forward to the testimony of today's panelists, who are some of the foremost experts studying these issues.

I'll now turn the microphone over to hearing co-chair Commissioner William Reinsch who will chair today's panels.