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U.S.-CHINA COMMISSION ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL A. BLUMENTHAL

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Washington, D.C. – Mr. Daniel A. Blumenthal, Resident Fellow in Asian Studies with the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, DC, was appointed to the Commission on February 9, 2006, by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist for a two-year term expiring December 31, 2007: <u>http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/D?rl09:1./temp/~r109QezUG5</u>.

Mr. Blumenthal previously served as senior director for China, Taiwan, and Mongolia in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for international security affairs during the first George W. Bush administration. In that capacity, he led a team that formulated and implemented defense policies and programs toward, and for, these portfolio countries. Before his service at the Department of Defense, Mr. Blumenthal practiced law at the office of Kelly Drye & Warren, LLP in New York and as a research assistant at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. Mr. Blumenthal received an M.A. from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and a J.D. from the Duke University School of Law in 2000, and has studied Chinese language at Middlebury College and the Capital Normal University in Beijing. A copy of his bio is available at <u>http://www.aei.org/scholars/scholarID.92,filter.all/scholar.asp</u>.

The Commission's twelve members are appointed by the joint Congressional leadership for two-year terms. The Commission was created by Congress in 2000 to investigate and assess the economic and security implications of the U.S.-China relationship. Its congressional charter is available at http://www.uscc.gov/about/charter.php.

The Commission released its third Annual Report to Congress on November 9, 2005, and began its 2006 hearing schedule on February 2. The Commission plans to hold a series of public hearings on a broad array of topics within its legislative mandate, to continue its examination of the industrial, regional, and national security implications and impacts of U.S.-China trade and investment. The Commission's next hearing, scheduled for March 16 and 17, 2006, in Washington, DC, will address "<u>China's Military Modernization</u> <u>and Export Controls</u>. The full 2006 schedule of Commission hearings will be posted on line at the Commission's Web Site at <u>www.uscc.gov</u> soon.

The Commission's three Annual Reports to Congress, transcripts of its public hearings, research papers, trade and economic related data, and translations of relevant Chinese-language materials are available on line at <u>www.uscc.gov</u>.