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The U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission Releases Report:

Ready for Takeoff: China's Advancing Aerospace Industry

Washington, D.C. - The U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission has released a new report, "Ready for Takeoff: China's Advancing Aerospace Industry," which assesses China's commercial aviation manufacturing capabilities, its commercial and military capabilities in space, efforts of the Chinese government to encourage foreign participation in the development of China's aerospace industry, transfers of foreign aerospace technology to China, the extent to which U.S. and other foreign aerospace firms are dependent on supplies from China, and the implications of all of these issues for U.S. security interests.

Among other things, the report analyzes the role of foreign firms in the development of China's aviation manufacturing industry, summarizes the policies of the Chinese government toward foreign companies, and describes U.S. and other foreign joint ventures and cooperative research and development activities in China.

The report asserts that "there is no question that China's growing civilian aerospace capabilities are contributing to the development of its military aerospace capabilities" and details developments in China's military and space capabilities, including launch vehicles, communications satellites, civilian earth-observation satellites, military imagery reconnaissance satellites, and position, navigation, and timing (PNT) satellites.

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http://www.uscc.gov/researchpapers/2011/RAND Aerospace Report%5B1%5D.pdf

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