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Opening Statement of Chairman William A. Reinsch

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Good morning, and welcome to the first hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission's 2011 Annual Report cycle. As this year's Chairman I want to thank you all for joining us today. We appreciate your attendance and we encourage you to attend our other hearings throughout the year.

At our next public event, on February 25, we will hold a hearing and a roundtable discussion among a select group of expert witnesses. We'll examine the internal dilemmas and pressures faced by the central government and the Communist party in maintaining control. Among other issues, we'll look at the growing divide between the wealthier urban residents along the coast and the rural poor in China's interior.

Future hearing topics this year will include China's indigenous innovation policies, its overseas perception management efforts, its foreign investment policies, Beijing's efforts to develop high-tech industries, and the implications of China's recent space-related advancements.

More information about the Commission, its annual report, and its hearings is available on the Commission's website at www.USCC.gov. With that, let's turn to this hearing's co-Chair, Commissioner Bartholomew, for her opening statement.