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**- HEARING NOTICE -****China's Offensive Missile Forces**

**Hearing Co-Chairs:** Vice Chairman Dennis Shea and Commissioner Katherine Tobin Ph.D.

**WHAT: Public Hearing on "China's Offensive Missile Forces."** Since the mid-1990s, China's Second Artillery Force, responsible for its offensive missile platforms, has developed and fielded a robust and modernized array of ballistic missiles, while modernizing its nuclear strike capability. The Second Artillery's expanded inventory and enhanced accuracy, lethality, and survivability have enabled it to become a key component of China's deterrence strategy and warfighting capabilities. China now is able to reach U.S. bases and operating areas throughout the East Asia region with conventional weapons, posing strategic, operational, and tactical challenges for U.S. contingency planning. This hearing will explore the advancement of China's offensive missile forces—both conventional and nuclear—and security implications for the United States.

**WHEN: Wednesday, April 1st, 2015, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.** Reservations are not required to attend – seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**WHERE: Room SD-562, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC**

**PANEL INFO:** Panelists' bios and written statements will be available on the Commission's website at [www.uscc.gov](http://www.uscc.gov) on Wednesday, April 1, 2015.

**HEARING AGENDA:**

9:00a - 9:15a **Co-Chairs' remarks: Vice Chairman Dennis Shea and Commissioner Katherine Tobin Ph.D.**

9:15a - 10:45a **Panel I: China's Conventional Missiles**

- Mark Stokes, Executive Director, Project 2049 Institute

- Toshi Yoshihara, Ph.D., Professor and van Beuren Chair of Asia-Pacific Studies, U.S. Naval War College
- Dennis Gormley, Senior Lecturer, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh

10:45a – 10:55a **Break**

10:55a - 12:25p **Panel II: China’s Nuclear Weapons and Emerging Missile Technologies**

- Christopher Twomey, Ph.D., Associate Professor, U.S. naval Postgraduate School
- Christopher Yeaw, Ph.D., Director, Center for Assurance, Deterrence, Escalation, and Nonproliferation Science and Education, Louisiana Tech Research Institute
- James Acton, Ph.D., Co-Director of Nuclear Policy Program and Senior Associate, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

12:25p - 1:25p **Lunch Break**

1:30p - 3:00p **Panel III: Implications for the United States**

- Robert Haddick, Independent Contractor, U.S. Special Operations Command
- Evan Montgomery, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments
- Elbridge Colby, Gates Fellow, Center for New American Security

2:55p – 3:00p **Closing Remarks**

3:00p **Adjourn**

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