China-US Grand Strategy Proposal

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"U.S.-P.R.C. Presidential Executive Agreement For Peaceful Coexistence & Economically Balanced Relationship

Presidents of U.S. and P.R.C. sign an executive agreement containing each nation's pledge that:

- 1. U.S. and P.R.C will never go to war with the other;
- 2. Each will respect the other's sovereignty and distinct political and economic systems;
- 3. U.S. pledge to eschew regime change in P.R.C. and of non-interference in its internal affairs;
- 4. P.R.C pledges to continue its economic, social, and political reforms.

Taiwan

Pledged demilitarization of Taiwan situation, to include:

- i. Informal U.S. moratorium on arms transfers to Taiwan; ii. U.S. President's adherence to defense requirements of Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 is achieved through the following alternative means;
- iii. P.R.C. reduction of strike forces arrayed against Island;
- iv. U.S. reduction of strike forces arrayed against P.R.C. Mainland; and

v. Negotiation and promulgation of confidence building measures between U.S. and P.R.C. militaries.

North Korea

Pledged de-escalation of strategic uncertainty surrounding North Korea nuclear program, to include:

- i. U.S. eschews regime change in North Korea;
- ii. P.R.C. encourages North Korea to adopt economic reform policies to be implemented on terms appropriate to North Korea's own situation;
- iii. North Korea agrees to terminate nuclear program and resume economic cooperation with South Korea; and iv. U.S. and P.R.C. support peaceful reunification of North and South Korea on terms and timetable determined by North and South Korea.

Iran

Pledged management of relations with Iran to include:

- i. U.S. eschews regime change in Iran;
- ii. P.R.C to support Iran's peaceful development of its nuclear energy program;
- iii. Iran to willingly submit to regular international inspections of its nuclear energy program; and
- iv. U.S. to eliminate trade restrictions and promote trade with Iran.

South China Sea & East China Sea

Pledged management of sovereignty disputes to be solved peacefully and bilaterally, to include:

- i. P.R.C. sets up multilateral South China Sea Regional Joint Development Corporation with neighboring claimant states; and
- ii. P.R.C. pledges to negotiate resolution of all such disputes on the basis of the P.R.C.-ASEAN agreement entitled, "The 2002 Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea."

ASEAN Economic and Peacekeeping Collaboration

- U.S. and P.R.C pledge:
- i. Harmonization and coordination of their respective roles in regional economic and security forums;