IMPLICATIONS OF THE NEW BUSH ADMINISTRATION FOR EAST ASIA: U.S. VIEW

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GIVEN the political climate and the strategic environment, the Administration must understand the potential impact of the new team's early policy choices. At a minimum, the Administration needs to prepare for new directions, not just minor changes in the status quo. As Paul Wolfowitz explained in his confirmation hearings, "When you change the leadership of any organization, you get a new set of people that will make a new series of decisions. Whether you call them theBLEEDING EDGE or the STRATEGIC SYSTEM, the policies reviewed.Perhaps the most important message the United States should send to East Asia at this still early stage of the Bush Administration’s tenure is the United States’ commitment to the stability and prosperity of the region. The phrase of back to basics needs to be translated into concrete steps and policies. The Administration should consider revisiting the guidelines for arms sales to the region and the pledge to promote arms control. The U.S. should encourage the Pacific nations to pursue a nuclear-free zone, and should indicate that U.S. arms sales would be consistent with such an objective. The Administration should also pursue a robust policy of engagement with the PRC and Taiwan, fostering stability and prosperity in the region. The Administration should reaffirm its commitment to the "one-China" policy, and should provide assurances to Taiwan that U.S. support for its democracy and human rights is not conditional on the status of the region. The Administration should also make clear its commitment to the Three Communiques, and should emphasize its commitment to the peaceful resolution of the Taiwan Strait issue. The Administration should also pursue a policy of arms control with the PRC, and should consider the establishment of a U.S.-PRC military hotline. The Administration should also pursue a robust policy of engagement with the PRC, and should consider the establishment of a U.S.-PRC military hotline. 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