




Homeland Security

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert Silvers
Under Secretary
Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans

FROM: Alejandro N. Mayorkas
Secretary

SUBJECT: **90-day People's Republic of China Threats Sprint**



In recognition of the need to counter the threats the People's Republic of China (PRC) poses to the homeland now and into the future, I am directing a 90-day PRC Threats Sprint ("the Sprint") across our Department. I ask that you lead this critical effort on behalf of the Department.

During the Sprint, heads of Offices and Agencies will assess the current threats and challenges the PRC poses to their missions and look ahead to how those threats may evolve. They will assess the capabilities our Department brings to bear to address these threats and identify actions they can take today to drive down risk. Our leaders will engage their senior staffs, their subject matter experts, and partners and stakeholders in the public and private sectors.

The Sprint shall focus on the following six priority areas:

1. Defending critical infrastructure against PRC or PRC-sponsored attacks designed to disrupt or degrade provision of national critical functions, sow discord and panic, and prevent mobilization of U.S. military capabilities.
2. Disrupting the global fentanyl supply chain by combatting the production, sale, and trafficking of illicit fentanyl and precursor chemicals.
3. Bolstering our screening and vetting to identify illicit travelers from the PRC who exploit our lawful immigration and travel systems to collect intelligence, steal intellectual property, and harass dissidents, while still facilitating lawful travel.
4. Mitigating PRC malign economic influence by protecting against supply chain exploitation, including by assessing risk from foreign acquisitions, providing best practices to understand and reduce risks within the supply chain, resolving acute supply chain disruptions, and by ensuring that supply chains are free from forced labor.

5. Advancing safety, security, and economic prosperity in the Arctic and throughout the Indo-Pacific by promoting safe navigation and responsible resource development and deterring illicit activities, including illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing.
6. Sharing information on the counterintelligence threat posed by the PRC and its abuses of international law enforcement cooperation with our partners across state and local government, law enforcement, the critical infrastructure community, and internationally.

Following the conclusion of the Sprint, please submit to me within 45 days a report summarizing the findings across the Department. This report should also identify how the work undertaken during the Sprint lays the foundation for enduring enhancements to our Department's posture to counter these threats. This may include further opportunities for public-private partnership, best practices that can be applied Department-wide, and opportunities for further enhancements to ensure DHS has the tools and capabilities to counter PRC threats not only today, but well into the future.

cc: DHS Agencies and Offices