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SUBJECT: CHINA: 2000 ANNUAL TERRORISM REPORT

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- 11. BELOW IS THE 2000 TERRORISM REPORT FOR CHINA. RESPONSES ARE KEYED TO REFTEL PARAGRAPH THREE REOUIREMENTS.
- 12. A) THERE WERE NO ACTS OF TERRORISM COMMITTED AGAINST U.S. CITIZENS OR INTERESTS IN CHINA THIS YEAR. CHINESE MAINLAND AND HONG KONG MEDIA OCCASIONALLY REPORT ACTS OF TERRORISM BY INDEPENDENCE ACTIVISTS IN CHINA'S WESTERN PROVINCE OF XINJIANG AND, LESS FREQUENTLY, IN THE TIBET AUTONOMOUS REGION. PUBLICLY, THE PRC TENDS TO DOWNPLAY THESE INCIDENTS AS THE ISOLATED ACTIONS OF A NEGLIBLE NUMBER OF PEOPLE, OR ATTRIBUTES THEM TO AMORPHOUS "FOREIGN FORCES BENT ON UNDERMINING CHINA." PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE JUDICIAL RESPONSE TO THESE TERRORISTS IS HARSH, RANGING FROM LENGTHY PRISON SENTENCES TO EXECUTION.
- B,C) THERE IS NO EXTRADITION TREATY IN FORCE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA. IN JUNE, 2000, THE U.S. AND PRC SIGNED A MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR ENHANCED COOPERATION IN THE APPREHENSION AND PROSECUTION OF CRIMINALS; CHINA, HOWEVER, HAS NOT TAKEN THE STEPS NECESSARY TO PUT THE AGREEMENT INTO FORCE.

IN AUGUST, CHINA SUCCESSFULLY OBTAINED FROM KAZAKHSTAN THE EXTRADITION OF TWO ETHNIC UIGHUR SEPARATISTS WHO WERE CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL TRANSPORTATION OF WEAPONS.

- D) THE PRC GOVERNMENT DOES NOT SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, TERRORISTS, OR TERRORIST GROUPS, AND HAS REPEATEDLY VOICED ITS OPPOSITION TO TERRORISM IN PUBLIC FORA. WHEN ASKED, GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN CONSISTENTLY VOICE CONCERN ABOUT, OR OPPOSITION TO, ACTS OF TERRORISM IN OTHER COUNTRIES.
- E) ALONG WITH RUSSIA AND SEVERAL CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES, CHINA IS AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE SHANGHAI FORUM, WHICH ATTEMPTS TO PROMOTE COUNTERTERRORISM COOPERATION IN CENTRAL ASIA. CHINA ALSO DISCUSSES COUNTERTERRORISM COOPERATION IN BILATERAL DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS.
- F) ALTHOUGH CHINA DOES NOT SUPPORT TERRORISM, TERRORISTS, OR TERRORIST GROUPS, IT DOES MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ALL THOSE COUNTRIES DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE AS STATE SPONSORS OF TERRORISM.
- G) CHINA HAS NOT MADE ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF A TERRORIST-SUPPORTING COUNTRY ON A TERRORISM ISSUE.
- H) THERE HAVE BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES SINCE 1999 IN

CHINA'S ATTITUDE TOWARD TERRORISM.

- I) THE UNITED STATES HAS NO COUNTERTERRORISM INITIATIVES WITH CHINA.
- J) N/A
- K) N/A

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