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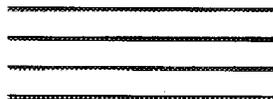
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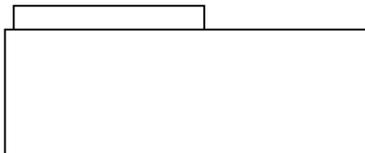


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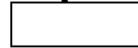
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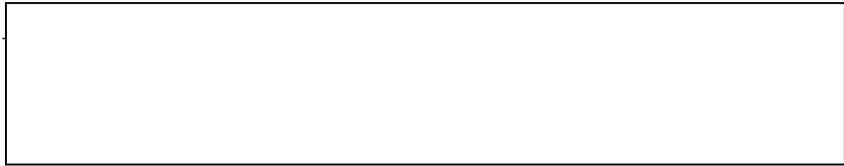
**China:**

**Nuclear Testing Contingencies**



[redacted] yesterday's nuclear test conducted  
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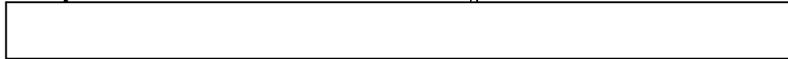
— The Chinese Government announced that the test established the reliability of its nuclear deterrent.



Following the test, the Foreign Ministry declared that China would immediately enter a nuclear test moratorium—*an action consistent with a pledge made after nuclear tests last month.*

— *Beijing probably timed the test and announcement to gain sympathy for its positions at the Comprehensive Test Ban negotiations, which resumed yesterday.* [redacted]

Despite the moratorium announcement, [redacted]



— [redacted] *China with the option to conduct another test if political decisionmakers choose to do so—for example, in response to rejection of Chinese positions at the CTBT negotiations or testing by another country.* [redacted]

