Dear Mr. Ruskin:

This letter is in response to your request dated July 9, 2020, under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Thus far, the Department of State has located 16 responsive records subject to the FOIA. Upon review, we have determined 11 records may be released in full and 5 record may be released in part. The processing of your request is ongoing.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released and is enclosed.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist. To the extent another agency asserts that it can neither confirm nor deny the existence of certain records, the Department of State will similarly take the position that it neither confirms nor denies the existence of those records.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Laurel Lum, Trial Attorney, at laurel.h.lum@usdoj.gov or (202) 305-8177. Please refer to the case number, F-2020-06715/FL-2021-00033, and the civil action number, 20-cv-08415, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

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FOIA Exemptions

(b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:

1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
1.4(b) Foreign government information
1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction

(b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency

(b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:

ARMSEXP  Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)
CIA PERS/ORG  Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)
EXPORT CONTROL  Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c)
FS ACT  Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004
INA  Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f)
IRAN  Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505

(b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information

(b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product

(b)(6) Personal privacy information

(b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
   (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
   (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
   (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
   (D) disclose confidential sources
   (E) disclose investigation techniques
   (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual

(b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions

(b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester
1) (U) Summary: A March 23-24 technical conference in Beijing on Ebola, sponsored by China’s National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC) and the World Health Organization, gave China a platform for touting its successful assistance on Ebola and for health diplomacy outreach to Africa. The conference was organized by the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (China CDC), Institut Pasteur and Fondation Merieux. Scientists from the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and Centers for Disease Control (USCDC) helped with the agenda, and participated as speakers and moderators. It was timed to coincide with the 5th International Roundtable on China-Africa Health Collaboration, and African public health officials arrived early for bilateral discussions with China on developing the pan-Africa CDC based at the African Union. End Summary.

China’s Three Post-Ebola Health Priorities in Africa.

2) (U) NHFPC Vice Minister Cui Li called for a joining of hands to benefit the health and well-being of people around the world. She reviewed China’s contributions on Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) response, and outlined three post-Ebola health priorities for China in Africa: construction for public health assistance and medical care; enhanced training of workers; and establishment of the Africa CDC and a preventive medicine unit.

China CDC Joins Global Health Community.
3) The conference was sponsored and led by China CDC. China CDC, born out of the SARS epidemic in 2002, has been building its professional and political capacity for over ten years and is now involved in a variety of research and international public health activities. The China CDC presentation stated their plan to extend the capabilities of the joint China-Sierra Leone BSL3 laboratory in Freetown to other infectious diseases, including malaria, cholera and typhoid fever; to conduct projects in three villages on improved surveillance and case finding; to build capacity of the six primary health units in these three villages; and to establish and provide training for national rapid response teams (RRTs). China CDC officials also expressed an interest in establishing a China CDC Center for Global Health in Beijing, and a China-Sierra Leone Emerging and Tropical Disease Research Center in Freetown, possibly in collaboration with the Pasteur Institute.

4) At the Ebola conference, NHFPC officials portrayed China CDC as the global face of China’s global engagement on EVD. This recognition likely originates from the State Council and the Ebola Task Force led by Vice Premier Liu Yandong. China CDC played an important role in the China-Africa Health Collaboration Roundtable held the same week in Beijing, participated in bilateral discussions with AU officials on the proposed Africa CDC framework, and sent a delegation to Ethiopia the week after to follow up on discussions to strengthen infectious disease surveillance in Africa.

China advancing into the ranks of a donor nation in the health sector, according to health officials.

5) Ten years ago, China was soliciting funds from donors for public health in China. Last year saw the departure from China of the Global Fund (to fight AIDS, Malaria, and TB), and China’s first donation to the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI) of $5M. In the closing remarks of the Ebola conference, NHFPC officials proclaimed that China has now graduated and joined the ranks of donor countries in the health sector, and is seeking the appropriate partners and programs to support health programs globally. (Note: This announcement contrasts sharply with continued statements from China’s aid officials based in the Ministry of Commerce and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who routinely insist that China is a “South-South aid-provider” rather than [Western] donor, and as a result cannot be held to the same standards regarding transparency and untying aid, among others. End Note.)

China is seeking its own Global Health model, good partners and a good plan.

6) In the concluding remarks NHFPC emphasized three points: global health is global (affects everyone), it is our job (responsibility) to help other countries, and health systems are weak. China CDC officials say they are motivated and challenged by
the fact that health systems remain weak despite significant foreign assistance at a
time when post 2015 sustainable development goals are being discussed. China sees a
global need for strengthening health systems. Many countries are outlining plans for
post-Ebola capacity building and development in health. China will see how these plans
fit into China’s plans, but will follow its own development model. China CDC officials
say they need to find good partners and good plans consistent with their own post-
Ebola strategy, which is in process. China is comfortable working with the AU and
WHO, and hopes that the multilateral community will be able to put together a
coordinated plan which China can support. But Chinese health officials also specifically
stated that they seek additional partnerships, including trilateral and bilateral
partnerships, such as the laboratory partnership with Institut Pasteur and the public
health partnership with US CDC.

The Roundtable on China Africa Health Collaboration – a business development model?

7) (SBU) The 5th International Roundtable on China-Africa Health Collaboration was held
from 26 – 27 March and co-hosted by Tsinghua University and the China Chamber of
Commerce for Import & Export of Medicines & Health Products. This annual conference
received financial support from the China-UK Health Support Programme (GHSP), the
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the Sinopharm, with participation from WHO,
UNAIDS, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNIDO, and the U.S. Agency for International Development
(USAID) as well as African representatives and private sector participants. Participants
adopted a set of policy recommendations which are intended to contribute to the post-
2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and will be submitted for inclusion in the
2nd Ministerial Forum on China-Africa Health Development, to be held in late 2015
under the framework of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC). (Note: Vice
Foreign Minister Zhang Ming told Assistant Secretary Linda Thomas-Greenfield in
December 2014 that China planned to include health assistance and health systems
strengthening as a major component of support to African governments in the 2015
FOCAC meetings [Ref A]. End Note.)

8) (U) The policy recommendations for NHFPC and the Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM)
to consider for the upcoming Health Ministerial Meetings include:

- China and Africa collaboration should reflect local priorities and be guided by existing
  regional, national and global priorities
- China and Africa should together develop resilient and sustainable health systems
  capable of making Universal Health Care a reality
- China and Africa should ensure reliable supply of safe quality commodities
- China and Africa will increase monitoring and evaluating their joint efforts

In order to translate these principles into concrete actions this roundtable recommended the
following:
China’s government explore and take forward:

1. Increased government investment in research and development for new diagnostics and medicines for neglected tropical diseases and to support the UN SG Every Woman Every Child agenda.

2. Policies to increase incentives for Chinese companies to invest in research and development for new diagnostics and medicines for neglected tropical diseases and to support the UN SG Every Woman Every Child agenda.

3. Policies to increase incentives (including for example tax credits) for Chinese companies to donate essential diagnostics and medicines for neglected tropical diseases and the life-saving commodities identified in the UN SG Every Woman Every Child initiative.

4. Increase China-Africa health cooperation in support of building resilient sustainable health systems by announcing predictable 3-5 year support to priority African countries.

5. Accelerating the implementation of the commitment by CFDA with WHO for China’s national regulatory authorities to reach an advanced international standard.

6. With the development banks - continue to invest in infrastructure (roads, buildings, water and sanitation) that can contribute to better health outcomes. In so doing they should include health impact assessment and plans to (i) mitigate any potential negative health impact and (ii) add additional activities (e.g. road safety, urban planning) that can maximise a positive contribution to health.

7. Explore debt relief with most in-debted countries that will specifically be structured to increase investment in health.

China’s pharmaceutical companies:

1. Increase applications for WHO pre-qualification for key diagnostics and medicines that are needed in Africa.

2. China’s billionaires work with the government to establish a Chinese “Rockefeller-type Foundation” that will invest in supporting 2-3 world class
schools of public health in Africa (just as the Rockefeller Foundation supported in China and South East Asia).

3. Collectively finance and procure market intelligence on needs in the African countries and specialist expertise and support to navigate their products through the regulatory systems in African countries.

African governments:

1. Accelerate sub-regional streamlining and harmonisation of drug regulatory processes (which will increase the incentive for Chinese companies with much needed projects of international quality to apply for registration in many countries with small markets).

2. Continue to develop national health plans and share their priorities with China’s government for identification of opportunities for China-Africa collaboration to support resilient health systems.

WHO:

1. Continue to support regional drug regulatory harmonization / integration in Africa.

2. Work with other partners to continue to support the CFDA in attaining advanced international drug regulatory authorities.

3. Provide TA to Chinese pharma around the WHO PQ application process.

9) The Ebola plenary session was held the morning of 27 March with the opening remarks by the China Chamber of Commerce and Tsinghua University focusing on the need to build resilient health systems and health capacity in Africa. The Tsinghua University presentation on Ebola research made a plea to the Government of China for additional research funding. China CDC presented their successful domestic public health efforts to meet Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) as a possible model for Africa. They referred to a possible African Laboratory Diagnostic network being led by China CDC’s Institute for Malaria in Shanghai.

10) Presentations and discussion by both African and Chinese attendees centered on developing pharmaceutical capacity in Africa and took on a distinctly commercial flavor,
enhanced by the numerous pharmaceutical displays in the reception corridor. WHO Geneva provided an outline on how China can support Africa on its indigenous production needs, while clearly and frankly stating that China must differentiate its development needs from China’s pharmaceutical business in Africa. The need for a stronger regulatory framework to reduce the prevalence of fake pharmaceutical drugs was also discussed. The China Africa Development Fund is the largest (State-owned) company with direct investment in Africa. It has a $5 billion dollar endowment, with $3.1B being used on 82 different projects, and has invested a total of $16B in Africa to promote foreign direct investment in 34 African countries. The China Africa Development Fund has more money to spend but there is a lack of worthy Chinese and African partners in which to invest. There has been essentially no investment in health to date, but China wants to identify opportunities in the health industry. There is currently a Chinese funded and developed medicinal manufacturing facility in Mali which China considers a model for further medical industry development, and another facility is being planned for Ethiopia. China’s experiences in Ebola were highlighted as an example that can be leveraged and benefit from a sustainable health systems approach.

11) (SBU) During the closing session, the Director General of the Department of Africa of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China reiterated China’s quick and effective response to the Ebola crisis. He also pointed out that China and India can supply the Africans with the medicine in need, though the quality may not meet the highest standards; and he believed that it’s imperative for African countries to produce the medicine they need locally, and Chinese companies can help to achieve this goal. He concluded that the cooperation between China and Africa should be aiming for the needs of Africans, based on the consensus of the Africans and with the participation of Africans.

China is conducting research and tests on Ebola.

12) (SBU) China with assistance of researchers from the Institute Pasteur (Lyon) has manufactured and distributed real-time polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) diagnostic kits for EVD detection domestically. The RT-PCR diagnostic kits were tested on material extracted from in vivo samples from an animal model in the French BSL4 facility in Lyon. China has archived 823 samples in West Africa, and unable to import samples, recently completed 175 full genome sequences in Sierra Leone, noting a somewhat slower mutation rate than that reported by the Broad Institute (Harvard) study; specific details await acceptance for international publication prior to release. Currently samples shipments have been halted by the Government of Sierra Leone for all international laboratory partners. China has begun work with the Public Health Agency of Canada on ZMAPP therapeutics and a China-based biotechnology company has begun scaling up protein production. They have produced 100 grams of ZMAPP of which they have donated a portion (20-30gms) to WHO for quality review. Presentations were markedly absent on the possible small molecule treatment being developed or the Chinese vaccine candidate for which phase 1 results were published.
in Lancet on the following day. Though little practical work was presented, a research agenda focusing on diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines was emphasized and likely to be funded.

French resurgence on EVD research and in collaboration with China.

13) (U) Institute Pasteur is establishing a new Institut Pasteur (IP) in Conakry, Guinea, which will be a part of the Africa network of IP institutes and the RESAOLAB clinical laboratory network in West Africa and will collaborate with the Chinese supported laboratory in Freetown. There is a long history of collaboration between China and Institut Pasteur in Shanghai and Hong Kong; this has now expanded to Wuhan, where China and France recently inaugurated a BSL 3 laboratory, and they plan to collaborate in West Africa.

Comment

14) China has extensive equities and investments in Africa that will grow and in the future include health. There are 2 million Chinese in Africa, and 300,000 Africans in Guangzhou alone. China conducted its largest international health effort in responding to EVD, continues to celebrate its unprecedented success, and looks to leverage this success into a post-EVD development plan for Africa. The Ebola outbreak experience is also being used to leverage domestic plans to expand China’s research and laboratory capacity on emerging pathogens. A successful response to the Ebola outbreak has given China the confidence to express a commitment to global health. China will be investing in global health and is rapidly establishing a global health development plan. This will present many multilateral, trilateral and bilateral opportunities to partner with China on global health.

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1. **Summary:** Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Mathews Burwell visited China from September 10-11 to advance bilateral cooperation in domestic and global health goals, including in development and global health security. The leaders of both the National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC) and the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (China CDC) emphasized the importance of enhancing bilateral health partnerships in infectious disease and non-communicable disease. NHFPC Minister Li Bin supported collaboration in African countries and making global health security a priority with Asia and Pacific partners and at the G20. China CDC Director Wang Yu proposed cooperating in Sierra Leone in research and public health capacity building and jointly supporting the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC). Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) Minister Gao Hucheng agreed on the value of bilateral and multilateral cooperation on development and health, advising HHS to work directly with NHFPC to finalize health outcomes for President Xi Jinping's state visit. While China CDC identified specific work we could do jointly in Sierra Leone and to advance the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA), MOFCOM and NHFPC supported health cooperation broadly, with the only explicit support being for joint work on the African Union CDC and West African “public health security.” The visit demonstrated that while there is a unique opportunity to leverage U.S.-China cooperation in West Africa, some Chinese agencies are cautious about moving forward as China is still developing its approach and internal coordination on international health work. End Summary.

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Secretary Burwell’s Meeting with NHFPC Minister Li Bin
2. NHFPC Minister Li Bin agreed with Secretary Burwell that global health security was a priority, stating that China would support this with Asia-Pacific and African partners and for the G20 in 2016. Noting the recent threat of MERS in nearby Korea, Li stated China and the United States “have converging interests and mutual responsibility in safeguarding global health security.” However, while they see the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA) as closely related to development, political stability, economic growth, and livelihood, it was only one component of the broader effort to achieve global health security. Minister Li also supported collaboration in Africa in health and development, including in West Africa and to support the Africa CDC. However, she proposed that this cooperation should “be under the principle of being led by recipients,” quipping that “1+1+1 would be much greater than 3.” Minister Li suggested Burwell ask Minister of Commerce Gao to prioritize global health collaboration between the United States and China, especially support for the Africa Union CDC. Li also acknowledged that the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria had helped China, and China thus supported it. However, she was not in a position to respond to the U.S. request for a specific financial contribution to the fund, but would report the Secretary’s ideas to “relevant departments.”

3. Minister Li agreed on the importance of NHFPC, HHS, China CDC, and U.S. CDC joint work to address policy and technical elements to accelerate progress toward shared health goals. Li emphasized she hoped we would further broaden our health partnership on emerging infectious diseases, non-communicable diseases, and health workforce development. Li also noted she hoped that the countries’ Presidents would discuss implementation of the post-2015 development goals, which included health interests, when they meet in late September. Minister Li closed by noting China wanted to learn from U.S. partners and build on existing collaboration with the National Institutes of Health to establish its own platform that integrates and advances medical science and technology.

Visit to China Center for Disease Control and Prevention

4. China CDC Director Wang Yu called its cooperation with the U.S. CDC across “every aspect of China CDC’s work” the “gold standard” in public health collaboration. In particular, Wang considered U.S.-China collaboration in response to the Ebola outbreak a solid foundation for long-term cooperation and proposed two next steps for collaboration:

- Enhance cooperation in Sierra Leone where China had Ebola emergency response experience. He proposed focusing on joint laboratory research and supporting Sierra Leone’s creation of its own CDC to build Sierra Leone’s public health capacity, including a strong health care workforce. Wang advised that China CDC had already applied to MOFCOM to fund this proposal, though he declined to clarify the budget. He felt the proposal to MOFCOM would “be successful” and added that China CDC expected to hear back within weeks.

- Support establishment of the African Union CDC by developing its surveillance system, combining the U.S. event-based surveillance approach with China’s indicator-based surveillance. Both sides agreed there was senior-level support for standing up the African Union CDC and that conversations could continue with African partners on the details.
5. Burwell and Wang agreed that our countries must continue to collaborate on domestic health issues, which had global implications. Both sides observed that collaborations on non-communicable diseases through smoking cessation and salt reduction, and building domestic field epidemiology capacity for influenza and HIV/AIDS not only improved U.S. and Chinese citizens’ lives, but also generated lessons, knowledge, and relationships that could address global health needs.

Secretary Burwell’s Meeting with MOFCOM Minister Gao Hucheng

6. Minister Gao said, “Health is a broad ranging area where we can intensify cooperation” and that “the world faces public health security challenges.” However, he noted that any U.S.-China development cooperation would have to hold to the principle that initiatives must be raised by, agreed to, and led by recipient countries. He emphasized the value of multilateral frameworks, noting the roles of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the G20, even asserting that, “Cooperation between our two sides under a multilateral international framework would meet the international community’s expectations and is an important component of the new model of major power relations.” He observed three lessons about U.S.-China collaboration in development learned from the Ebola outbreak response: (1) we both desire to lead and promote efforts on global/regional public health threats and are both striving to move in that direction; (2) we have complementary advantages; and (3) even though we had not yet agreed on principles, the fact was that recipients welcomed our cooperation.” Gao agreed to the importance of joint collaboration on the African Union CDC and support for post-Ebola collaboration. Gao affirmed the value of external reviews Burwell had suggested, particularly as a funding agency, but cautioned that different countries have different needs and circumstances.

7. Gao urged HHS to work with NHFPC directly, as technical experts, to identify and report up suggested joint deliverables for President Xi’s visit. He noted NHFPC “knows better the realities of our work and capacity. For technical issues, it’s good for you to communicate with NHFPC Minister Li Bin.” MOFCOM’s role is to provide guidance “on the rules and financing side ... My job is to foot the bill for NHFPC procurements. We’re consulting with USAID on the rules.”

Roundtable on Science and Innovation

8. Secretary Burwell participated in a roundtable discussion on science and innovation with health care leaders from academia, industry, and hospitals. Health care leaders shared their views on the Chinese health care system, health care reform, and challenges they faced. They noted many similarities between the United States and China, with opportunities to cooperate and develop innovative approaches to our domestic health challenges. These opportunities included partnering to advance precision medicine, coordinating research funding, increasing access to primary care, and spurring the use of innovative technology.

9. Comment: Secretary Burwell’s conversations in China elicited general agreement on the importance of bilateral health collaboration, including in third countries, but also hesitation at the ministerial level to make specific commitments. The NHFPC is forward-leaning on both GHSA and
partnering in Africa, and China CDC’s proposals for joint work in Sierra Leone and on the GHSA closely align with the U.S. proposals. However, all of this work is dependent upon MOFCOM for funding, and NHFPC has recently closely mirrored and deferred to MOFCOM’s more cautious position on committing to health collaboration in Africa and for the GHSA. Regardless, both sides agreed to the importance of expanding health collaboration, including for global health security. HHS will continue to advance priority collaborations such as post-Ebola recovery in West Africa. End comment.

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1. **Summary:** Embassy Kuala Lumpur has worked on Countering Wildlife Trafficking (CWT) over the past year with some concrete success. Thanks in part to the U.S.-sponsored ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Workshop on CWT hosted by Ambassador Yun, ASEAN countries adopted a proposal to treat wildlife trafficking as a serious crime under the purview of the ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC). Ambassador Yun also led the first National Environmental Justice Seminar to focus on CWT issues with the Malaysian judiciary. The PA section collaborated with conservation NGOs and state governments to raise CWT awareness through cultural events and educational programs, and the RSO section worked closely with International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) to strengthen Malaysia's CWT enforcement capacity. Embassy Kuala Lumpur will continue to build on this year's momentum to push CWT priorities in 2016. **End Summary.**

**Policy Advocacy**

2. **Policy Advocacy** A major 2015 CWT policy goal was to encourage the ASEAN SOMTC to recognize wildlife and timber trafficking as a new priority area under its purview. Obtaining Malaysian support was one of the major challenges to achieving that goal, as the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (NRE) initially opposed inclusion under the ASEAN SOMTC. As part of the effort to convince Malaysia, the U.S. Embassy partnered with the NRE to hold the March ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Workshop on Combating Wildlife Trafficking in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah. Ambassador Yun co-hosted the event and Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth Novelli gave opening remarks. Government agencies and NGOs from each
ASEAN country as well as China attended and agreed to urge the adoption of the SOMTC proposal.

3. (SBU) Embassy Kuala Lumpur kept up pressure on Malaysia through communications and demarches to NRE and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) throughout the summer. After extensive lobbying by the USG, the MHA overruled the NRE, voting in favor with the rest of ASEAN to adopt the proposal at the September ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime. This is an important step forward for combating wildlife trafficking in Southeast Asia as law enforcement authorities, not just environmental officials, will have a large stake in CWT.

4. (SBU) In September during the Malaysia-hosted International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC) in Kuala Lumpur, the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) held the first-ever IACC workshop session to discuss combating corruption that facilitates wildlife trafficking. Speakers from TRAFFIC, UNODC and independent crime researchers highlighted the importance of treating wildlife and timber trafficking as serious crimes that should be the target of corruption investigations.

5. (SBU) The Department of Justice’s (DOJ) Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (OPDAT), along with the Malaysian Judiciary, organized a National Environmental Justice Seminar in October. The four-day workshop was the first time in Malaysia that judges and key bilateral stakeholders in the environmental justice sector came together to discuss issues of common interest in the administration of environmental justice and CWT. Ambassador Yun and the Chief Justice of Malaysia Tun Arifin Zakaria presided over opening ceremonies.

Donor Coordination

6. (SBU) With $58,000 in R-Priority funding, the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) developed environment conservation English learning and activity modules used by 100 American Fulbright English Teaching Assistants (ETA) across six Malaysian states, reaching more than 40,000 middle and high school students. One of the core modules focuses on teaching the importance of wildlife conservation. PA has slated the program continue to run in 2016.

7. (SBU) PA provided a $10,000 grant to the Future Alam Borneo Society for the August Borneo Rimba Rhythms festival in Sandakan, Malaysia, a two-day outdoor music festival that brought together wildlife conservation organizations and scientists from around the world. Three thousand people attended the festival that was covered by eight local newspapers, two radio stations and one TV station.

8. (SBU) PA provided a $12,500 grant to the October Borneo Eco Film Festival that showcased environmental films including prominent wildlife conservation pieces. The screenings attracted two thousand people in the span of three days. Ten local newspapers, two radio stations and two TV stations covered the event.

9. (SBU) USAID funds the $2 million Infectious Disease Emergence and Economics of Altered Landscapes Program (IDEEAL) in partnership with EcoHealth Alliance. The initiative investigates how changes to landscapes, including hunting of endangered species, contribute to disease emergence in Sabah, Malaysia. EcoHealth Alliance has conducted a series of outreach sessions with international businesses connected to the palm oil industry, teaching the importance of avoiding interaction with wildlife to stop the spread of disease and reduce the
chances of outbreaks.

**Training**

10. *(SBU)* RSO coordinates with the International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) to send officials from NRE and Customs to capacity building training courses in Thailand. By the end of the year Malaysia will have sent seven participants to two courses, building management and investigation capacity.

11. *(SBU)* Thanks to meetings during a visit to the State of Sabah by Under Secretary Novelli in March, Sabah Parks began discussions with the U.S. National Park Service to host park rangers at Yosemite and marine parks to gain insight on conservation and CWT techniques. Rangers are expected to travel to the United States in February or March 2016.

12. *(SBU)* Post sent two candidates from the Sabah Wildlife Department on wildlife-focused International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) trips in 2015.

**Public Diplomacy**

13. *(SBU)* At the March ARF Workshop on CWT, Malaysian actress and wildlife conservation activist Michelle Yeoh lent her star power to draw attention to the wildlife trafficking issue, delivering a special keynote during the opening ceremony. Fourteen national and local media outlets covered the event, resulting in prime time TV news coverage and more than twenty news articles and op-eds.

14. *(SBU)* In addition to the PA funded events above, wildlife issues featured prominently in the Ambassador’s “Go Green Lah” week-long bicycle tour from Kuala Lumpur to Singapore in June. The 20-person Embassy bike team conducted environmentally-themed events in towns along the way including a presentation by WCS on conservation initiatives to save big animals in peninsular Malaysia. The event was featured in Malaysia media and received thousands of Facebook likes each day of the ride.

15. *(SBU)* In 2014 Ambassador Yun joined the NGO Shark Savers demand reduction campaign to stop shark fin consumption in Malaysia through a media outreach campaign which continues into 2015.

**2016 Events**

16. *(SBU)* Embassy KL is planning another conservation-themed bike ride in May, 2016. This time the Ambassador will lead a team on a week-long trip from Kuala Lumpur to Penang. In addition, the PA section will continue to fund all of the donor coordination events listed above.

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(U) WIPO: Preparations continue for upcoming stocktaking session on genetic resources, traditional knowledge, and folklore

(SBU) The IP team engaged with delegations and stakeholders this week in preparation for WIPO’s upcoming Intergovernmental Committee on IP and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge, and Folklore (IGC) from June 17-21. At the IGC session the committee will engage in a stocktaking session and discuss the recommendation it should make to the General Assembly in October regarding the IGC’s future mandate. Previous discussions have signaled that at this session IGC-demandeurs may continue their push for a diplomatic conference to conclude one of the three heavily bracketed texts under discussion in the IGC, and request to convert the IGC to a standing committee in order to avoid renegotiating the IGC’s mandate and work program every two years at the General Assembly. Separately, the IP team continued to engage with the interagency on the spring 2020 election of the WIPO Director General.

(U) Italy Promotes Role Model of Traditional Diets Over Regulation; Taiwanese Panelist Discusses Traditional Chinese Diets
(U) As part of Italy’s effort to address perceived overreach from WHO’s nutrition program, Italy hosted a session on ‘Traditional Diets as a Role Model for a Healthy Life’ at the UN to WHO stakeholders including diplomatic missions and the private sector. The session, which mainly focused on the historical evolution of global diets, questioned efforts to establish causality from isolated nutrients to non-communicable diseases. The American moderator, Dr. Dennis Bier from Baylor College’s Children’s Nutrition Research Center, reviewed the limitations of scientific studies on nutrition and criticized the role of reductionism in developing guidelines, i.e. looking at one isolated element like salt. WHO’s Director of Nutrition for Health and Development Dr. Branca applauded Italy’s initiative but countered that looking at nutrients is the way to develop systematic reviews and shape food based guidelines, emphasizing that WHO will continue its work including looking at salt, poly and unsaturated fats and sweeteners. Bier subsequently told Branco that WHO’s approach on guidelines ‘will keep us in the history of the 20th century’ and that WHO needs to look for solutions in unbiased ways. In an odd turn of events, Dr. Hsin-Jen Chen from Taipei University, who replaced the initially profiled speaker Dr. Yuexin Yang from the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention. (Comment: While the collective value added from the event was limited, Italy’s determination as WHO nutrition watch dog aligns with U.S. Interests to keep WHO focused on science, evidence-based strategies and approaches. End Comment)

(U) Global Polio Partners’ Group holds Biannual Meeting in Geneva

(U) The Global Polio Partners Group (PPG), the stakeholder voice for the public-private partnership the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, met on Friday, June 7, 2019, at the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva. The meeting was opened by WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus (DG Tedros) who also chairs the Polio Oversight Board. DG Tedros reaffirmed WHO’s commitment to a world free of polio and drew interesting parallels at the impact of political and security instability in the world’s efforts to address both polio and Ebola. With current polio outbreaks in their countries, both Pakistan and Nigeria missions made positive statements of political and programmatic commitment and engagement. Canada, Germany, Monaco, Norway, the United Kingdom, the USA and Rotary International all reaffirmed their support for the new Polio Endgame Strategy 2019-2023, and many further committed to ongoing financial support for polio activities. All encouraged a broadening of the donor base; enhanced programmatic integration with essential routine immunization programs; development of new efforts to work with communities in order to restore trust for polio efforts in Afghanistan and Pakistan; and, like with Ebola in DRC, an enhanced link to humanitarian and development activities to better address long-standing, community level hardships (e.g., lack of access to water and sanitation, education, and broader health services.) U.S. Mission CDA Mark Cassayre expressed that the United States “remains resolute in our determination to see polio eradicated.” He also extended appreciation for the work of key partners including WHO, UNICEF and GAVI in promoting robust essential immunization programs across the world. He urged all governments to step up their financial support for polio eradication as the goal draws closer, particularly noting the November 2019 pledging event at the Reaching the Last Mile Forum.
Cables of Interest

19 GENEVA 334  Syria/Geneva: Russia Blames "Terrorists" for Idlib Escalation during May 23 CTF Meeting

19 GENEVA 340  Geneva: International Labor Organization's Boss Looking to the Next 100 Years

19 GENEVA 348  UN Meetings on Science and Technology Address Development, Emerging Tech

19 GENEVA 360  Geneva Meeting of the Bhutan Core Group

Look Ahead

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Jun 10-21  ILO  108th Session of the International Labour Conference

Jun 10-21  ITU  19th Council

Jun 17-19  WMO  Executive Council

Jun 17-21  WIPO  Intergovernmental Committee on IP, Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge, and Folklore (Stocktaking and final session of the 2018-19 biennium)

Jun 22  ILO  336th Session of the Governing Body

Jun 24-28  UNCTAD  66th Trade and Development Board

Jun 25-27  UNAIDS  44th PCB

Jul 2-3  Geneva International Discussions

Jul 8-12  WIPO  Program and Budget Committee (30th)

Jul 15-19  Global Fund  Finance, Strategy and Governance Board Committee meetings

Sep 2-4  UNCTAD  Working Party on the Strategic Framework and Programme Budget

Sep 16-20  UNCTAD  Trade and Development Commission, 11th Session
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**Upcoming Visits**

- **June 3-14**: Dr. Louis Uccellini, Assistant Administrator of National Weather Service; Neil Jacobs (NOAA); Alessandro Nardi (STA) – WMO Congress
- **June 10-21**: Deputy Secretary of Labor Patrick Pizzella (18-19); Martha Newton (DOL); Sarah Morgan (DRL) – International Labour Conference
- **June 11-14**: Paolo Trevisan (USPTO, attorney-advisor), Charles Pearson (USPTO, Director), Richard Cold (USPTO, Deputy Director), Layla Lauchman (USPTO, Special Program Examiner) – WIPO Patent Cooperation Treaty Working Group
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1. (U) Summary: On January 24, Liberia's Ministry of Health (MOH) and National Public Health Institute of Liberia (NPHIL) held a press conference and issued a press release announcing the discovery of the Ebola virus (*Zaire ebolavirus*) in a bat. There is currently no known case of Ebola in humans in Liberia and there is no heightened threat of Ebola Virus Diseases (EVD) to Liberians. The discovery was a collective, intra-ministerial effort with funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and technical assistance from the USAID-PREDICT project led by the EcoHealth Alliance (EHA) and the Society for the Conservation of Nature, Liberia (SCNL). The discovery is significant because it is the first detection of *Zaire ebolavirus* in a bat in West Africa and provides important evidence that this particular bat species may be a natural host for Ebola. This information will be used to develop key strategies to reduce the risk of future outbreaks. Following the press release, the MOH, NPHIL, USAID, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other strategic partners launched community sensitization and outreach activities to ensure that accurate, actionable, and consistent information is circulated widely and swiftly. The MOH issued guidelines to the public on how to avoid contact with bats and to protect food and
water sources, and it created a public information hotline. International and Liberian news coverage has been positive, with no negative or erroneous coverage to date. End Summary.

**Ministry of Health Issues Press Release**

2. (U) On January 24, the MOH issued a press release with input from USAID and PREDICT detailing the following key points:

- As a result of pro-active research by the GOL to determine the cause of the unprecedented Ebola outbreak between 2014 and 2016, *Zaire ebolavirus* has been found in a cave-dwelling insect-eating bat, a Greater Long-fingered Bat, in Sanniquellie-Mahn Health District, Nimba County, close to the border with Guinea.

- The source of the 2014-2016 Ebola outbreak in West Africa was not definitive, and for this reason, research has been ongoing for the last two years by the MOH, NPHIL, and international partners to establish whether bats carry Ebola. The infected bat, along with hundreds of other bats, was sampled in late 2016 and tested between June and November 2018. To date, all other bats have tested negative for Ebola.

- The discovery was a collective effort, working in partnership with the MOH, NPHIL, Forestry Development Authority (FDA), and Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) with funding from USAID. Sampling and testing was conducted through the USAID-PREDICT project led by EcoHealth Alliance (EHA) and the Society for the Conservation of Nature, Liberia (SCNL). The discovery is significant because it is the first detection of *Zaire ebolavirus* in a bat in West Africa and provides important evidence that this particular type of bat may be a natural host for Ebola. Future studies will examine whether more of this type or other types of bats are infected, and how bats spread the virus. This information will be used to develop strategies to reduce the risk of future outbreaks.

- There are no known cases of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in people in Liberia at this time. The MOH, NPHIL, U.S. Government, and other partners continue to support surveillance and risk mitigation and preparedness should there be another human case in the future.
Findings from USAID Project PREDICT

3. (U) PREDICT is a project of USAID’s Emerging Pandemic Threats program initiated in 2009 to strengthen global capacity for detection and discovery of potentially zoonotic viruses with epidemic and pandemic potential, such as Ebola. In Liberia, PREDICT is focused on identifying natural hosts for filoviruses, including Ebola. This work is being led by EcoHealth Alliance and its local counterpart, SCNL, in partnership with the NPHIL, MOH, FDA and MOA. PREDICT’s findings include the following points:

- One Greater Long-fingered bat (species *Mineopterus inflatus*), sampled in Nimba County in September 2016, tested positive for *Zaire ebolavirus* and neutralizing antibodies against it.

- The USAID-PREDICT project sampled more than 5,000 bats between 2016 and 2018, and the Ebola-positive bat was tested between June and November 2018.

- While this virus is known to be fatal in humans, this discovery should not be a cause for concern. There have been no new human Ebola cases associated with this finding. Genetic sequence information confirms that the virus detected is *Zaire ebolavirus*, but at this time it cannot be determined whether or not it is the exact same virus that caused the 2014-2016 EVD epidemic in Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea.

- Greater Long-fingered bats are small (weighing less than 20 grams) and eat insects. They are agriculturally important animals because they eat crop pests. They prefer to live in forest, caves, and mines and are commonly found throughout Africa. People should avoid entering caves or mines inhabited by these bats to reduce the risk of exposure to Ebola virus.

4. (U) The U.S. Embassy, through USAID and PREDICT, worked closely with the Liberian government to develop messages and strategies for community engagement, draft Liberian press releases and talking points, and negotiate release of the information to the public with GOL leadership. CDC continues to play an important role of advisor to NPHIL and MOH on the process, finding and implications.
Photos show USAID-PREDICT activity testing bats in Liberia.

Comment

5. (SBU) This important biomedical discovery is a powerful example of the significant achievements attained through the commitment of the governments of Liberia and the United States to the One Health approach, an integrated, intergovernmental, and interagency effort critical to detecting, preventing, and responding to pandemic disease threats that can affect global health security. However, although key milestones have been achieved with U.S. support, these gains are not irreversible. Liberia’s rapid economic downturn over the past year (see reftels B-D) has hindered the GOL’s ability to pay operational support to health surveillance workers, temporarily affecting one of the key global health security systems put in place following the 2014-2016 Ebola outbreak. Post will continue to work across the interagency to support and sustain the gains of the One Health approach toward the objectives of the Global Health Security Agenda. End Comment.

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IN RESPONSE, HAMID SAID IN THE MESSAGE THAT THE BANGLADESH-CHINA RELATIONSHIP IS DEVELOPING RAPIDLY AND HAS COVERED COOPERATION IN KEY AREAS, TO WHICH BANGLADESH ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE. HE EXPRESSED HIS DEEP APPRECIATION FOR CHINA'S CONTINUOUS SUPPORT FOR BANGLADESH IN ITS SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS, ADDING THAT HE BELIEVES THE CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO DEEPEN IN THE FUTURE.

ALSO ON 4 OCTOBER, CHINESE PREMIER LI KEQIANG EXCHANGED CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES WITH BANGLADESHI PRIME MINISTER SHEIKH HASINA. LI SAID IN HIS MESSAGE THAT CHINA IS WILLING TO DEEPEN PRACTICAL COOPERATION WITH BANGLADESH IN VARIOUS FIELDS AND PROMOTE THE STEADY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHINA-BANGLADESH STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP OF COOPERATION TO BETTER BENEFIT THE TWO COUNTRIES AND THEIR PEOPLE. HASINA RESPONDED BY STATING THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP OF COOPERATION BETWEEN BANGLADESH AND CHINA HAS BEEN DEVELOPED FROM THE TWO COUNTRIES' TIME-TESTED FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION.

THE STRENGTHENED BANGLADESH-CHINA COOPERATION HAS UNLEASHED ENORMOUS POTENTIAL IN MAINTAINING PEACE, SECURITY AND STABILITY IN THE REGION AND EVEN AROUND THE WORLD, HASINA SAID[4].
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ON 5 OCTOBER 2020, A CHINESE ENVOY MADE A JOINT STATEMENT AT THE GENERAL DEBATE OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ON BEHALF OF 26 COUNTRIES, CRITICIZING THE UNITED STATES AND WESTERN COUNTRIES FOR VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS, CALLING FOR THE COMPLETE AND IMMEDIATE LIFTING OF UNILATERAL SANCTIONS, AND EXPRESSING GRAVE CONCERN ON SYSTEMATIC RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

ZHANG JUN, CHINA'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS, MADE THE STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF ANGOLA, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, BELARUS, BURUNDI, CAMBODIA, CAMEROON, CHINA, CUBA, THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, ERITREA, IRAN, LAOS, MYANMAR, NAMIBIA, NICARAGUA, PAKISTAN, PALESTINE, RUSSIA, SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, SOUTH SUDAN, SUDAN, SURINAME, SYRIA, VENEZUELA, AND ZIMBABWE.


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THE STATEMENT ALSO WELCOMES THE RECENTLY ADOPTED GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION ON A COMPREHENSIVE AND COORDINATED RESPONSE TO COVID-19, WHICH STRONGLY URGES STATES TO REFRAIN FROM PROMULGATING AND APPLYING ANY UNILATERAL ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL OR TRADE MEASURES NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE UN CHARTER.

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Munzverengwi hailed the cordial China-Zimbabwe ties, adding that Zimbabwe had a lot to learn from China in containing the outbreak of COVID-19. Zimbabwe can have lessons on how it can appropriately respond to the pandemic, she said.

Zizhou, in a presentation, detailed the province’s state of preparedness in dealing with the pandemic, saying the province had recorded six cases including four recoveries. “Currently, we are closely following up on case number five from Murehwa and case number six, which was admitted at Marondera Provincial Hospital two days ago,” he added that all the 15 hospitals in the province are isolation centers, and are at various stages of meeting the required standards.

Zhu Yimin, head of the Chinese team, said there was need to scale up health screening at ports of entry, closely monitor inbound travelers and compulsorily quarantine them. “The issue of transmissions that are inbound is affecting every country and there is need to ensure that people are thoroughly screened at ports of entry,” he said.

The Chinese medical team, which arrived in the country last week, will visit isolation centers and meeting stakeholders responding to COVID-19 in the country. The team is made up of experts from infectious diseases and respiratory illnesses, intensive medicine, infection control, traditional Chinese medicine as well as public health and nursing[2].

Feature: Chinese aid deepens people-to-people interaction in Namibia

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ON 18 MAY, CHARITABLE AND BENEVOLENT EFFORTS OF THE CHINESE COMMUNITY IN NAMIBIA ARE DEEPENING PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

AT SHIGHURU VILLAGE IN MASHARE CONSTITUENCY IN KAVANGO EAST REGION, ABOUT 230 DWELLERS RECEIVED HOUSEHOLD GOODS DONATED BY THE CHINESE EMBASSY AND COMMUNITY IN NAMIBIA IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19. THE DONATED ITEMS WOULD AVERT THE LIFE CHALLENGES OF LOCALS, INCLUDING FOOD INSECURITY, MAINLY SPARKED BY COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

CHINESE BUSINESSWOMAN, CHARLENE CHEN, WHO HANDED OVER THE ITEMS ON BEHALF OF THE CHINESE EMBASSY SAID THAT PEOPLE IN RURAL AREAS ARE ALSO AFFECTED BY THE STATE OF EMERGENCY REGULATIONS DUE TO THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19; HENCE THE DONATION. "WE AIM TO HELP THE PEOPLE IN DIRE NEED DURING THIS PERIOD AND ENSURE THAT THEY MAINTAIN GOOD HYGIENE," SHE SAID.

AUGUSTINUS SHIFWAKU, MEMBER OF THE SHIGHURU VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE IS A PLEASED MAN. FOR HIM, THE CHINESE PHILANTHROPIC EFFORTS GENERATE SIGNIFICANT INTERPERSONAL CONTACT WITH NAMIBIAN PEOPLE AT THE GRASSROOTS LEVEL THAT CAN FURTHER ADVANCE INTERACTIONS AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES. "WE ALSO CALL ON SUPPORT TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS FISHING AND HORTICULTURE IN THE AREAS," HE SAID ON MONDAY.

BONIFATIUS WAKUDUMO, GOVERNOR OF THE KAVANGO EAST REGION SAID IN TIMES OF NEED, THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT NEVER WAVERED, ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP.

MEANWHILE, IN THE OSHIKOTO REGION IN NORTHERN NAMIBIA, CHINA JIANGXI INTERNATIONAL IN NAMIBIA ALSO CONTRIBUTED CHARITABLE EFFORTS. THE COMPANY DONATED 14 TONS OF FOOD PACKAGES. MANAGING DIRECTOR OF CHINA JIANGXI IN NAMIBIA ZHUANG YAN SAID THAT THE AIM IS TO GIVE BACK TO THE LOCAL PEOPLE AND DEFEAT COVID-19 THROUGH JOINT EFFORTS.

BETTY KAULA, THE COUNCILLOR FOR GUINAS CONSTITUENCY IN OSHIKOTO REGION COMMENDED CHINA JIANGXI INTERNATIONAL FOR THE DONATION. "THE DONATION HEEDS TO UNITY AND THE GOODWILL OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE. THROUGH SUCH PLATFORMS, WE GET TO KNOW THEM AND DEVELOP BETTER RELATIONS. NOT ONLY IS THAT, BUT UNITED, WE ARE BOUND TO WIN TOGETHER," SHE SAID.

ZHANG YIMING, CHINESE AMBASSADOR TO NAMIBIA, SAID THAT THE CHINESE
GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE NAMIBIAN BROTHERS AND SISTER IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19[3].

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PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY EXERCISES PERFORMED DURING CORONAVIRUS QUARANTINE IN WESTERN PACIFIC

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"LIAONING" AIRCRAFT CARRIER GROUP'S VOYAGE SHOWS PLA NAVY'S GREAT JOB IN VIRUS CONTROL

ON 12 APRIL 2020, ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE ON GLOBAL TIMES, A CHINESE NAVAL FLOTILLA LED BY AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER REPORTEDLY SAILED THROUGH THE MIYAKO STRAIT AND HEADED TOWARD THE PACIFIC OCEAN, PROMPTING
CHINESE MILITARY EXPERTS TO SAY ON SUNDAY THAT THE FLEET DEMONSTRATED SUCCESS IN NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) EPIDEMIC CONTROL WORK[1].

THE CHINESE FLOTILLA, CONSISTING OF THE LIAONING AIRCRAFT CARRIER, TWO TYPE 052D GUIDED MISSILE DESTROYERS, TWO TYPE 054A GUIDED MISSILE FRIGATES AND ONE TYPE 901 AUXILIARY SUPPLY SHIP, WAS SPOTTED DURING TRANSIT THROUGH THE MIYAKO STRAIT ON FRIDAY EVENING, ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT THE JAPANESE DEFENSE MINISTRY PUBLICLY RELEASED ON SATURDAY[2].

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CHINESE ANALYSTS NOTED ON SUNDAY THAT THE LIAONING CARRIER GROUP VOYAGE CAME AT A TIME WHEN MANY FOREIGN AIRCRAFT CARRIERS WERE HIT BY COVID-19, RENDERING THEM UNSUITABLE FOR DEPLOYMENT [1].


"IT SHOWED THAT THE PLA CAN DISPATCH TROOPS STATIONED ANYWHERE AT ANY TIME. WITH THE TROOPS ALWAYS MAINTAINING VIGOROUS COMBAT CAPABILITIES," XU SAID, "THE CHINESE PEOPLE CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON THEM."

THE CHINESE MILITARY HAS YET TO ANNOUNCE THE OPERATION[1].
TELEPHONE TALKS BETWEEN CHINESE AND INTERNATIONAL LEADERS

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XI SAYS CHINA READY TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING MEXICO IN COVID-19 FIGHT

ON 11 APRIL 2020, ACCORDING TO A XINHUA ARTICLE, PRESIDENT XI JINPING SAID FRIDAY THAT CHINA IS READY TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE AS MUCH SUPPORT AS ITS CAPACITY ALLOWS FOR IN MEXICO'S FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19, INCLUDING HELPING THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY PURCHASE BADLY NEEDED ANTI-EPIDEMIC SUPPLIES IN CHINA.

XI MADE THE REMARKS IN A PHONE CALL WITH HIS MEXICAN COUNTERPART, ANDRES MANUEL LOPEZ OBRADOR.

PLEDGING MORE SUPPORT, XI ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES CONTINUE TO EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE IN COVID-19 PREVENTION AND CONTROL AS WELL AS DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT VIA SUCH MEANS AS VIDEO CONFERENCES BETWEEN EXPERTS[3].

XI SAYS CHINA READY TO CONTINUE HELPING VENEZUELA FIGHT COVID-19

ON 10 APRIL 2020, ACCORDING TO A XINHUA ARTICLE, PRESIDENT XI JINPING SAID THAT CHINA STANDS READY TO BOOST COOPERATION WITH VENEZUELA IN COVID-19 PREVENTION AND CONTROL AND CONTINUE TO HELP THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY COMBAT THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE.

XI MADE THE REMARKS IN A PHONE CONVERSATION WITH HIS VENEZUELAN COUNTERPART, NICOLAS MADURO.

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CHINA UNDERSTANDS VENEZUELA'S CURRENT SITUATION, AND HAS SENT SEVERAL SHIPMENTS OF MATERIAL AID AS WELL AS A TEAM OF HIGH-LEVEL MEDICAL EXPERTS TO THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY, XI SAID, ADDING THAT HIS COUNTRY IS READY TO OFFER MORE HELP.

XI ALSO STATED CHINA STANDS READY TO CONTINUE TO PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN SEEKING A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT OF THE VENEZUELAN ISSUE[4].

CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS CHINA READY TO HELP UAE IN COVID-19 FIGHT

ON 11 APRIL 2020, CHINA STANDS READY TO PROVIDE AS MUCH ASSISTANCE AS ITS CAPACITY ALLOWS FOR THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE)'S FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19, CHINESE STATE COUNCILOR AND FOREIGN MINISTER WANG YI TOLD HIS UAE COUNTERPART, SHEIKH ABDULLAH BIN ZAYED AL NAHYAN, IN A PHONE CALL.

WANG SAID THE VIRUS IS A COMMON ENEMY FOR HUMANKIND, AND THAT CHINA, AS THE FIRST COUNTRY TO REPORT THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC, HAS BEEN SHARING INFORMATION AND CARRYING OUT COOPERATION IN EPIDEMIC CONTROL WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN AN OPEN, TRANSPARENT, AND RESPONSIBLE MANNER SINCE THE ONSET OF THE OUTBREAK, AND HAS MADE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO STEMMING THE VIRUS'S WORLDWIDE SPREAD.

SOME ATTEMPTS RECENTLY TO BLAME AND STIGMATIZE CHINA ARE DISGRACEFUL, WANG SAID, ADDING THAT CHINA APPRECIATES THE UAE'S FAIR AND OBJECTIVE STANCE ON THE ISSUE.

SHEIKH ABDULLAH SAID HIS GRATITUDE FOR CHINA'S ASSISTANCE IN SUPPLIES AND VALUABLE EXPERIENCE, SAYING HE BELIEVES THAT WITH CHINA'S STRONG SUPPORT, THE UAE WILL VANQUISH THE EPIDEMIC AT AN EARLY DATE AND THEIR BILATERAL TIES WOULD BE SOLIDIFIED [5].
CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS CHINA WILLING TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR, SHARE EXPERIENCE WITH MALDIVES IN COVID-19 FIGHT

ON 10 APRIL 2020, CHINA STANDS READY TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE FOR THE MALDIVES AS REQUIRED, AND SHARE EXPERIENCE IN PREVENTION AND CONTROL, CHINESE STATE COUNCILOR AND FOREIGN MINISTER WANG YI TOLD HIS MALDIVIAN COUNTERPART, ABDULLA SHAHID, IN A PHONE CALL.

THE ATTEMPTS TO STIGMATIZE CHINA WILL GET NOWHERE, WANG SAID, AND SUCH ATTEMPTS ARE NOT CONDUCIVE TO THE VIRUS FIGHTS IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES OR THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN COMBATING THE PANDEMIC, AND WILL NOT WIN THE SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THE CHINESE SIDE APPRECIATES THE MALDIVIAN SIDE'S FAIR AND OBJECTIVE POSITION ON THE ISSUE, HE ADDED.

SHAHID SAID THE MALDIVES HIGHLY APPRECIATES CHINA'S CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THE GLOBAL FIGHT AGAINST THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS, ADDING THAT THE MALDIVES IS FIRMLY OPPOSED TO ANY STIGMATIZATION AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST CHINA AND THE CHINESE PEOPLE. SHAHID ALSO EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR CHINA'S TIMELY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, SAYING THAT THE COUNTRY STANDS READY TO STRENGTHEN ANTI-EPIDEMIC COOPERATION WITH CHINA TO TIDE OVER DIFFICULTIES [6].

XI SAYS IN HIS LETTER THAT CHINA READY TO CONTINUE HELPING ARGENTINA WITH COVID-19 PREVENTION, AID
ON 9 APRIL 2020, ACCORDING TO A XINHUA ARTICLE, CHINESE PRESIDENT XI JINPING SAID THE CHINESE SIDE IS READY TO CONTINUE SHARING COVID-19 PREVENTION AND CONTROL EXPERIENCE WITH ARGENTINA AND OFFERING ASSISTANCE WITHIN ITS CAPACITY.

XI MADE THE REMARKS IN A RECENT EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES WITH ARGENTINA'S PRESIDENT ALBERTO FERNANDEZ.

THE CHINESE SIDE FIRMLY SUPPORTS THE SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRY'S MEASURES AGAINST THE OUTBREAK, AND HAS SENT TO ARGENTINA SUPPLIES RELATED TO EPIDEMIC PREVENTION AND CONTROL, SAID XI, ADDING THAT EXPERTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE ALSO EXCHANGED EXPERIENCE ON HOW TO BATTLE THE EPIDEMIC[7].

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TELECONFERENCE ON MEDICAL SUPPORT AND INFECTION CONTROL

CHINA AND GEORGIA SHARE ANTI-EPI DEMIC EXPERIENCE VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

ACCORDING TO THE LIBERATION ARMY DAILY ON 12 APRIL 2020, CHINA AND

GEORGIA CONVENED A VIDEO CONFERENCE ON 10 APRIL TO SHARE EXPERIENCES WITH THE NEW CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC CONTROL.

BOTH CHINA AND GEORGIA HAVE JOINTLY DISCUSSED HOW TO BETTER CONTROL PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF THE NEW CORONAVIRUS, LINKING THREE LOCATIONS: BEIJING, CHENGDU AND TBILISI.

THIS IS THE FIRST VIDEO TELECONFERENCE BETWEEN CHINA AND GEORGIA TO SHARE THE EXPERIENCE OF CONTROLLING NEW CORONAVIRUS[8].
CHINESE, RUSSIAN MILITARIES SHARE ANTI-EPIDEMIC EXPERIENCE VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

ON 10 APRIL 2020, AN ARTICLE IN CHINA MILITARY, HEALTH OFFICIALS AND EXPERTS FROM THE CHINESE MILITARY SHARED THEIR EXPERIENCE IN COVID-19 RESPONSE WITH THEIR RUSSIAN PEERS VIA A VIDEOCONFERENCE THURSDAY, ACCORDING TO CHINA'S MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE.

THE CHINESE MILITARY INTRODUCED THE GENERAL SITUATION AND EXPERIENCE OF THE MILITARY PARTICIPATING IN THE COUNTRY'S EPIDEMIC PREVENTION AND CONTROL DURING THE VIDEOCONFERENCE, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY OVER 30 HEALTH OFFICIALS AND EXPERTS IN BEIJING, WUHAN, AND SAINT PETERSBURG, THE MINISTRY SAID.

EXPERTS EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE RESPONSE, TESTING AND CLINICAL TREATMENT, THE MINISTRY SAID, ADDING THAT THEY ALSO ANALYZED AND DISCUSSED THE EPIDEMIOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION, TREATMENT OF CRITICALLY ILL PATIENTS AND CONVALESCENT PLASMA THERAPY WITH DETAILED CASES.

SPEAKING HIGHLY OF THE CHINESE MILITARY'S EFFORTS AND CHINA'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE DISEASE, THE RUSSIAN SIDE APPRECIATED CHINA FOR ITS HIGH-QUALITY, CANDID, AND IN-DEPTH ACADEMIC EXCHANGES AND EXPERIENCE SHARING, ACCORDING TO THE MINISTRY [9].

SUPPORT FOR INFECTION CONTROL

MEXICO RECEIVES 2ND SHIPMENT OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES FROM CHINA
ON 12 APRIL 2020, ACCORDING TO A CHINA NEWS SERVICE ARTICLE, A SHIPMENT OF 11 TONS OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES ARRIVED IN MEXICO FROM CHINA ON LATE FRIDAY TO HELP THE COUNTRY ADDRESS THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, MEXICAN AUTHORITIES SAID.

MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTER MARCELO EBRARD STATED VIA HIS TWITTER ACCOUNT THAT AN AEROMEXICO BOEING 787-8 AIRCRAFT HAD TRANSPORTED THE SHIPMENT, WHICH INCLUDED 1.9 MILLION FACE MASKS AND 820,000 SURGICAL MASKS.

ACCORDING TO THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT, SHIPMENTS OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES FROM CHINA ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE BETWEEN TWO AND FOUR TIMES PER WEEK, FOR A TOTAL OF 20 SHIPMENTS [10].

CHINESE FIRM CMC DONATES MEDICAL MASKS TO HUNGARIAN CITY TO HELP FIGHT COVID-19

ON 12 APRIL 2020, ACCORDING TO A XINHUA ARTICLE, CHINA NATIONAL MACHINERY IMP. & EXP. CORPORATION (CMC) HAS DONATED 30,000 SURGICAL MASKS TO KAPOSVAR, A CITY IN THE SOUTHWESTERN PART OF HUNGARY, THE COMPANY SAID IN A PRESS RELEASE ON SATURDAY.


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THE CMC MADE A 100-MILLION-EURO INVESTMENT IN KAPOSVAR IN 2019 TO BUILD A PHOTOVOLTAIC POWER PLANT. WORK ON THE SOLAR FARM IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED THIS YEAR [11].
CHINA SENDS A TEAM OF MEDICAL EXPERTS TO RUSSIA

ON 11 APRIL 2020, ACCORDING TO A XINHUA ARTICLE, A TEAM OF 10 CHINESE MEDICAL EXPERTS DEPARTED FROM HARBIN, CAPITAL OF NORTHEAST CHINA'S HEILONGJIANG PROVINCE, FOR RUSSIA SATURDAY MORNING TO HELP WITH ITS FIGHT AGAINST THE COVID-19.

THE EXPERTS, SPECIALIZING IN LABORATORY TESTING, PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES, RESPIRATORY DISEASES, INTENSIVE CARE AND TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE, ARE FROM THE CHINESE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, HEILONGJIANG PROVINCIAL CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION AND FOUR HOSPITALS IN THE PROVINCE.

THE TEAM CARRIES WITH IT URGENTLY NEEDED MEDICAL SUPPLIES DONATED BY CHINA, INCLUDING SURGICAL MASKS, MEDICAL MASKS, N95 MASKS AND MEDICAL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING.

UPON ARRIVAL, THESE EXPERTS WILL EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES WITH THEIR RUSSIAN COUNTERPARTS AND OFFER TRAINING FOR MEDICS ON THE PREVENTION, CONTROL, DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF THE COVID-19.

CHINESE MEDICAL TEAM SHARES ANTI-CORONAVIRUS EXPERTISE IN KAZAKHSTAN

ON 11 APRIL 2020, ACCORDING TO A XINHUA ARTICLE, TEN CHINESE EXPERTS BEGAN THEIR FIRST WORKING DAY ON FRIDAY, SHARING EXPERTISE ON HOW TO TAME THE SPREAD OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS WITH THEIR KAZAKH COLLEAGUES.
THE GROUP’S 15-DAY SCHEDULE STARTED WITH A VISIT TO THE NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER OF KAZAKHSTAN, WHICH COLLECTS INFORMATION ON AND UPDATES STATISTICS OF COVID-19 IN THE COUNTRY.

AFTER GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH THE EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN KAZAKHSTAN AND THE MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO COMBAT THE DISEASE, THE EXPERTS HELD A LARGE-SCALE ONLINE CONFERENCE WITH KAZAKH DOCTORS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.


ANOTHER BATCH OF CHINESE MEDICAL SUPPLIES ARRIVES IN PAKISTAN

ON 11 APRIL 2020, ACCORDING TO A CGTN, A SPECIAL PLANE OF PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE (PIA) CARRYING MEDICAL AID FROM CHINA ARRIVED IN ISLAMABAD ON SATURDAY, SAID PAKISTAN'S NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (NDMA). IT WAS THE SECOND PLANE IN TWO DAYS.

ACCORDING TO NDMA, THE SUPPLIES CONSIST OF VENTILATORS, ABOUT 936KG OF SURGICAL MASKS, PROTECTIVE SUITS, SAFETY LENSES, THERMOMETERS, AND 1720 KG OF UNSTITCHED CLOTH FOR SURGICAL GOWNS.

"THE SUPPLY OF GOODS THAT ARRIVED FROM CHINA WILL BE SENT OUT TO ALL SMALL-SCALE HOSPITALS IN KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA AND OTHER PROVINCES," NDMA CHAIRMAN LT GENERAL MOHAMMAD AFZAL WAS QUOTED AS SAYING.
AS PCR TESTING KITS, MOBILE X-RAY MACHINES, CHINESE KN95 MASKS, DISPOSABLE MEDICAL MASKS AND WATER-IMPERMEABLE SURGICAL GOWNS [14].

BANK OF CHINA DONATES FOUR TONS OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO PORTUGAL GOVERNMENT

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ON 10 APRIL 2020, ACCORDING TO THE XINHUA SILK ROAD, THE BANK OF CHINA (BOC) HAS DONATED 4 TONS AND 216,000 PIECES OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO THE PORTUGUESE HEALTH AUTHORITIES TO HELP FIGHT THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THE LISBON BRANCH OF BANK OF CHINA SAID ON THURSDAY.

THE MEDICAL SUPPLIES, INCLUDING SURGICAL MASKS, PROTECTIVE GOWNS, GOGGLES AND GLOVES. MEDICAL SUPPLIES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO EIGHT MAJOR HOSPITALS IN LISBON, PORTO, AND COIMBRA[15].

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AMAN ALSO STATED THAT KENYA was grateful to the Chinese government and private sector for their support that has boosted efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19. "China is a true partner of ours," said Aman. He said that there is a lot that Kenya can learn from China because of the measures the Asian nation has put in place to stop the spread of COVID-19. "China has already provided us with a number of proposals on how we can approach this pandemic in order to save lives," said Aman. He said that Kenya is cooperating with several countries and organizations on how to manage the COVID-19 pandemic. "We have had a lot of sessions of exchange of knowledge with China on how to respond to the pandemic," he added. The Health Ministry said that Kenya is currently in talks with a number of international organizations to ensure that its citizens get access to COVID-19 vaccines once they are available in the market[3].

ZAMBIA COMMENDS CHINESE CDC FOR BUILDING CAPACITY IN COVID-19 TESTING


HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE COLLABORATING WITH THE PARTNERS IN ORDER TO BOOST TESTING CAPACITY FOLLOWING INCREASED CASES BEING RECORDED IN THE COUNTRY. ACCORDING TO HIM, TESTING CAPACITY HAS BEEN HAMPERED BY GLOBAL CHALLENGES SUCH AS PROBLEMS IN THE AVIATION SECTOR AS WELL AS MANUFACTURING CAPACITY WHICH HAS BEEN OUTSTRIPPED BY DEMAND. HE FURTHER SAID THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO INCORPORATE LABORATORIES FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN ORDER TO RAMP UP THE TESTING CAPACITY AND HOPED THAT THE SUPPLY CHAIN FOR TESTING DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT WILL SOON EASE[4].

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