



Republican National Committee

RESOLUTION CONCERNING CHINA'S ONGOING PRACTICE OF ESPIONAGE

Whereas, China has a well-documented program of cyber espionage targeted at the United States military, and the defense and civilian industrial base; and

Whereas, U.S. national intelligence chief James Clapper said that there was “a remote chance of a major cyber-attack against U.S. critical infrastructure systems during the next two years that would result in long-term, wide-scale disruption of services, such as a regional power outage;” and

Whereas, CIA Director John Brennan has stated that “the seriousness and the diversity of the threats that this country faces in the cyber domain are increasing on a daily basis;” and

Whereas, U.S. security firm Mandiant reported a unit of China's People's Liberation Army had stolen hundreds of terabytes of data from at least 141 organizations, mostly based in the United States; and

Whereas, National Security Adviser Tom Donilon said that U.S. businesses are growing more concerned “about sophisticated, targeted theft of confidential business information through cyber-intrusions emanating from China at a very large scale;” and

Whereas, these acts threaten the security of the United States, and threaten the world-wide economic competitiveness of our country's industrial base; and

Whereas, China has denied such reports, and says it is a victim of cyber spying by the U.S. government; and

Whereas, President Obama has only indirectly confronted China, and by his refusal to openly identify China as the primary state actor conducting cyber warfare against the United States, implicitly encourages their continuance; therefore be it

Resolved, the Republican National Committee condemns China for its aggressive program of cyber warfare and espionage, and its denial thereof; and be it further

Resolved, the Republican National Committee calls on President Obama to publicly condemn China for its aggressive program of cyber warfare and espionage and to be clear about how the United States will respond to the use of strategic cyber weapons on American soil, in the military sphere; and be it finally

Resolved, the Republican National Committee calls on President Obama to begin to match his words with actions, and take actions necessary to cause China to cease these acts.

As adopted by the Republican National Committee on April 12, 2013.