

# **Resolution Regarding China's “Sanya Initiative”**

WHEREAS, The security of the United States of America depends on the leadership, competence and loyalty of its senior military officers while in active service, and continuing loyalty and professionalism in their retirement; and

WHEREAS, The “Sanya Initiative” (1) is a series of dialogues between retired, senior-ranking flag officers of the U.S. and Chinese armed forces, partially funded by Chinese intelligence organizations; and

WHEREAS, American participants in the Sanya Initiative include several retired extremely high- ranking officers as reported by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (2); and

WHEREAS, the American officers associated with the Sanya Initiative have lobbied Congress and the Pentagon to soften its annual report to Congress on the progress of China’s military buildup; and

WHEREAS, At the same time, China’s intelligence agencies are conducting a major covert influence campaign aimed at derailing the United States' military shift to Asia, as outlined in a draft report Congress’ U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission which said, “Institutions and persons affiliated with the People’s Liberation Army military intelligence entities play a prominent role in the Sanya Initiative”; and

WHEREAS, these U.S. officers facilitated contacts and dialogs with U.S. Government officials and do not appear to even be registered as agents for China in the Foreign Agents Registration Act list of Registrants (3); and

WHEREAS, the Foreign Agents Registration Act, Title 22 USC § 611 (b)(c)(1), states in part that a foreign agent is one who engages within the United States in political activities for or in the interests of such foreign principal; acts within the United States as a public relations counsel, publicity agent, information-service employee or political consultant for or in the interests of such foreign principal; and

WHEREAS, the FARA further states that a foreign agent is someone within the United States who solicits things of value for or in the interest of such foreign principal; and who represents the interests of such foreign principal before any agency or official of the Government of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the officers listed in the CSIS report appear to be engaged in activities covered by the FARA which would require those officers to be registered as Foreign Agents; and

WHEREAS, The Sanya Initiative appears to be a covert attempt to lobby Congress while circumventing the Foreign Agents Registration Act; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee is seriously concerned about the conduct of former senior military officials who should be held accountable for the implications of their involvement with Communist China for U.S. national security; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee is seriously concerned about possible violations of the Foreign Agents Registration Act by these retired officers; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee calls on Congress to hold public hearings as to the disturbing appearance of conflict of interest by retired senior ranking flag officers in these matters.

- (1) <http://freebeacon.com/chinese-government-influencing-policy-through-ex-military-officials/>
- (2) [http://csis.org/files/media/csis/events/080606\\_sanyaeventsummary.pdf](http://csis.org/files/media/csis/events/080606_sanyaeventsummary.pdf)
- (3) <http://www.fara.gov/qs-shortform.html>