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Donald S. Zagoria is Senior Vice President and the Project Director of the Forum on Asia-Pacific Security at the National Committee on American Foreign Policy. The Forum runs five major track II dialogues on regional security issues in the Asia-Pacific.

The first, on U.S., China and cross-Strait Relations has both a specific focus, to try to maintain and enhance the peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait, and a broader agenda, which tries to expand the areas of cooperation between the United States and China, while minimizing the possibilities for mistrust and potential conflict. The second dialogue strives to facilitate the denuclearization of North Korea. The NCAFP works with the United States' regional partners (China, Japan, South Korea and to some extent Russia), each of which has different interests and views on how best to approach North Korea, in an effort to coordinate our approaches. At the same time the NCAFP holds bilateral dialogues with the DPRK and has been doing so since 2003. The third is an "Alliances" dialogue with Japan and South Korea. While fostering multilateralism in the Asia-Pacific region, it is crucial that the United States strengthen its ties with its historical allies, Japan and South Korea. The fourth Track II project is a quadrilateral dialogue bringing together the United States, Japan, China and the Republic of Korea (ROK) to discuss both regional and global issues and to develop a common strategic vision. Finally, Professor Zagoria and the Forum have recently started a strategic U.S.-PRC dialogue at the Track 1.5 level. Building mutual strategic trust will be crucial to maintaining peaceful relations between the U.S. and China, the two countries which are destined to be the strongest powers in the international system in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Prior to joining the NCAFP, Professor Zagoria was a consultant during the Carter Administration to both the National Security Council and the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs of the State Department. He has also worked for the RAND Corporation and taught courses on United States foreign policy and the international relations of East Asia at Hunter College for many years.

Professor Zagoria is the author of four books and over 300 articles on Asian security issues. His most recent papers and publications include: "A Rough Road Ahead for U.S.-China Relations." *Conference report*, January 21, 2010; "Promoting Quadrilateral Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific Region." *Conference report*, December 9, 2009; "U.S.-DPRK Relations at a Crossroads: Danger of Drift." *Conference report*, October 30, 2009; "Cross-Strait Relations: The Potential for a Win-Win Solution." *Conference report*, July 8, 2009; "Making Peace in the Taiwan Strait." *National Committee on American Foreign Policy*, ed. May 2009; "Cross-Strait Relations: Cautious Optimism." *Conference report*, January 14, 2009. His book on the Sino-Soviet Conflict, published in 1962, is generally recognized as the seminal work on one of the key turning points in the Cold War--the split between Moscow and Beijing.

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