



## Foreign Affairs Breakdown - April 8, 2024

### U.S. Congress

#### Committee Hearings

##### Senate Foreign Relations Committee

(Wed. 4/10) (9:00 AM)

[Hearings](#) to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for United States Agency for International Development

*Witness:* Hon. Samantha Power;

##### House Foreign Affairs Committee

(Wed. 4/10) (10:00 PM)

[Hearings](#) "The Chinese Communist Party's Malign Influence at the United Nations — It's Getting Worse"

*Witnesses:* Ms. Suzanne Nessel, Hon. Andrew Bremberg, Hon. Kelley Currie

## Legislation

[H.R. 7874](#) - To terminate the United States–People's Republic of China Income Tax Convention if the People's Liberation Army initiates an armed attack against Taiwan.

Sponsor - [Rep. Gonzales, Tony \[R-TX-23\]](#) Cosponsor - [Rep. Davis, Donald G. \[D-NC-1\]](#)  
House - Ways and Means

Latest Action - House - 04/05/2024 - Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

## Press Releases

### Speaker of the House - Mike Johnson

[Speaker Johnson Statement on Six Months Since October 7th Attack](#)

## Administration

### Armenia

[Joint U.S.-EU-Armenia High Level Meeting in Support of Armenia's Resilience](#)

### China

[Statement from Secretary of the Treasury Janet L. Yellen on Announcement of New U.S.-China Initiatives Following Meeting with Vice Premier He Lifeng of the People's Republic of China](#)

### Georgia

[Georgian Draft Legislation](#)

### Palestine

[Remarks at a UN Security Council Briefing on the Situation in the Middle East](#)

### Rwanda

[Thirty Years On, Remembering the Victims of the Rwandan Genocide](#)

## Press Releases

### Department of Defense

[JOINT STATEMENT: Australia – Japan – Philippines – United States Maritime Cooperative Activity](#)

### Department of State

[Outcomes of the 55th Session of the UN Human Rights Council](#)

### USAID

[On World Health Day, Making "My Health, My Right" A Reality For All](#)

## Publications

### Atlantic Council

[Accelerating transatlantic defense innovation in an era of strategic competition](#) - "If advanced technologies are a key pillar of winning the era of strategic competition, and allies are one of the United States' great advantages, then surely tech collaboration with allies should be a center of gravity for the US to win. Defending the Euro-Atlantic area, and securing NATO's advantage across operational domains in a moment of unprecedented strategic competition with near-peer adversaries, will require strengthened defense and technology cooperation between the United States and its allies and industry partners across the Atlantic. To achieve this, the United States will need innovative thinking and approaches—not just for the development of technologies, but for sharing and ultimately co-producing them."

### Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

[Can Energy Ties Prevent an Azerbaijan–EU Rift?](#) - "Energy cooperation is at the heart of this interdependence. While Azerbaijan only [meets a fraction](#) of Europe's overall gas demand, its significance is magnified for individual EU member states including Bulgaria, Italy, and Greece. Recent additions to this roster include Romania and Hungary, with expectations of further expansion of Azerbaijani gas supplies to nations like Croatia, Slovakia, and even Austria."

### United States Institute of Peace

[U.S., Japan, Philippines Strengthen Strategic Bonds to Counter China](#) - "One of the key components of the Biden administration's approach to the Indo-Pacific has been the stitching together of bilateral alliances and partnerships into minilateral arrangements that have the potential to achieve results that large-scale multilateral cooperation in the region cannot. The first two movers were the dramatic deepening of the Quad — made up of the United States, Japan, Australia and India — and U.S.-Japan-South Korea trilateral cooperation. Now a new trilateral grouping of the United States, Japan and the Philippines has burst onto the scene."

## Events

(Mon. 4/8) (3:00 PM)

[Election Series | Discussing Mexico's First Presidential Debate](#)

*Wilson Center*

Speakers: Mexican Senator Laura Ballesteros, Mexican Senator César Cravioto, Mexican Senator Kenia López Rabadán

(Tues. 4/9) (9:00 AM)

[Recommendations for US policymakers to compete with China's 5G ambitions](#)

*Atlantic Council*

Speakers: DAS Steve Lang, Timothy Bonds, Parsifal D'Sola

(Tues. 4/9) (9:30 AM)

[The Role of the Private Sector in Geopolitics](#)

*Wilson Center*

Speakers: Iván Duque Márquez, George Logothetis, Amb. John D. Negroponte

(Tues. 4/9) (12:30 PM)

[Restoring America's Commercial Maritime Industrial Base](#)

*Hudson Institute*

Speakers: Rep. Joe Courtney, Michael Roberts

(Tues. 4/9) (7:00 PM)

[How Strong is Our Democracy? With Former Speaker of the House Kevin](#)

[McCarthy](#)

*Georgetown University*  
Speaker: Kevin McCarthy

(Wed. 4/10) (9:00 AM)

[Chinese Interference in Taiwan's 2024 Elections and Lessons Learned](#)

*Center for Strategic & International Studies*

Speakers: Eve Chiu, Billion Lee, Wen-Ping Liu

(Wed. 4/10) (10:00 AM)

[US–Japan–Philippines Summit: Strengthening Deterrence or Exacerbating Conflict?](#)

*Quincy Institute*

Speakers: Sarang Shidore, Dr. Mike Mochizuki, Dr. Jake Werner

(Wed. 4/10) (10:00 AM)

[Leveraging the AfCFTA to accelerate US trade and investment in Africa](#)

*Brookings Institution*

Speakers: H.E. Wamkele Mene, Amb. Hilda Suka-Mafudze, Florie Liser