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### US-AUSTRALIA STRATEGIC NUCLEAR DIALOGUES

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#### ABSTRACT:

The “US-Australia Strategic Dialogue” will launch Track-1.5 discussions between US and Australian military and civilian officials and non-governmental experts and scholars. Scheduled to be held in Washington in the fall of 2019 (to build upon a small US-Australia exploratory meeting set to take place in Canberra in December 2018), the US-Australia Strategic Dialogue will develop and expand understanding and cooperation on a range of strategic issues and seek to reinforce the alliance relationship between the United States and Australia.

Central to the Dialogue, which will be co-organized (and co-sponsored) by the Pacific Forum and the US Studies Centre at the University of Sydney, will be Australia’s questions surrounding the US extended deterrent at a time when the regional security environment is changing and budget constraints impact defense decisions. The Dialogue will also seek to harmonize US and Australian approaches to the North Korean nuclear problem and China’s increasingly assertive regional activities, while also focusing on finding ways to reduce or eliminate perceived weapons of mass destruction (WMD) threats emanating from Southeast Asia and the broader Indo-Asia-Pacific.

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