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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

A2/AD : Anti-Access/Area Denial

AAV : Amphibious Assault Vehicle

ADIZ : Air Defense Identification Zone

APEC : Asia Pacific Economic Partnership

ARF : ASEAN Regional Forum

ASBM : Anti-ship ballistic missile

ASEAN : Association of South East Asian Nations

BRI : Belt and Road Initiatives

C2 : Command and control

C4ISR : Command, control, communications, computers, intelligence,

surveillance, and reconnaissance

CCP : Chinese Communist Party

CENTO : Central Treaty Organization

DPP : Democratic Progressive Party

EBSCO: Elton B. Stephens Co. Online Research Database

ECFA : Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement

FDI : Foreign Direct Investment

G20 : Group of Twenty

GLCM : Ground-launched ballistic missile

ICBM : Intercontinental ballistic missile

IRBM : Intermediate-range ballistic missile

JSTOR : Journal Storage

KMT : Kuo Min Tang

LACM : Land-attack ballistic missile

MNC : Multinational Corporation

MRBM : Medium-range ballistic missile

NATO : North Atlantic Treaty Organization

OCRI : One China Respective Interpretations

PLA : People's Liberation Army

PLAA : People's Liberation Army Army

PLAAF : People's Liberation Army Air Force

PLAN : People's Liberation Army Navy

PLARF : People's Liberation Army Rocket Force

RCEP : Regional Cooperation Economic Partnership

SAM : Surface-to-air missile

SEATO : South East Asia Treaty Organization

SEF-ARATS: Strait Exchange Foundation Association of Relations Across the

Taiwan Strait

SLBM : Submarine-launched ballistic missile

SRBM : Short-range ballistic missile

START : Strategic Reduction Arms Treaty

TIFA : Trade Investment Framework Agreement

TPP : Trans-Pacific Partnership

UAV : Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

UNCLOS : United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

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