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## US-Chinese relations discussed on the sidelines of the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly

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In a statement released on 26 SEP, the United States State Department reiterated that the United States does not take a position on Taiwan's sovereignty and continues to support the status quo. This statement came days after Secretary of State Anthony Blinken met with Foreign Minister Wang Yi on the sidelines of the United Nations (UN) General Assembly on 23 SEP. During this meeting, Blinken emphasized that the United States is committed to maintaining peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait as it is vital to regional and global security. The Chinese Foreign Ministry released a summary of the meeting that said Wang warned Secretary Blinken that "the current China-U.S. relations are facing grave impacts, and there are lessons that the U.S. side needs to learn from." During his address at the UN General assembly on 24 SEP, Wang assured that Beijing would "take the most forceful steps to oppose external interference," and any obstruction to China's reunification would be "crushed by the wheels of history." END

### CMCD Note

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The United States government's continuing policy of maintaining the status quo in the Far East appears to go against the current rhetoric and actions of United States President Biden and the U.S. military. While the rhetoric remains consistent in the United States, the rhetoric from the Chinese government continues to fluctuate. Last week, the Chinese government seemed to take a step back from the assertive rhetoric that we tend to see from them. This week, we saw the government revert to the norm, with assertive rhetoric now pointed towards the United States instead of Taiwan. It will be important to monitor any further U.S. response to the statement by Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi.

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