Breaking the US-China cycle of escalation over Taiwan

There are steps both sides can take to arrest the action-reaction cycle that’s driving them towards the brink of war.

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The US-China cycle of escalation over Taiwan has been driven by a range of factors, including historical grievances, strategic interests, and competition for influence in the region. Both countries are increasingly relying on military and economic means to assert their dominance, leading to a cycle of escalating tensions.

The US has been increasing its military presence in the region, particularly in Taiwan Strait, as a way to deter China from taking any aggressive actions. China, on the other hand, has responded by increasing its military exercises and drills near Taiwan, demonstrating its ability to deter any US military action.

Both sides are also engaging in economic competition, with the US providing economic incentives to Taiwan and China providing economic sanctions to the US and its allies.

Breaking this cycle requires both sides to take steps to de-escalate tensions. The US needs to be more assertive in its support of Taiwan, while China needs to be more conciliatory in its responses.

For the US, this means continuing to provide military support to Taiwan, including through the sale of advanced weapons systems. It also means being more clear and consistent in its messaging to China, not allowing for any room for ambiguity.

For China, this means de-escalating its military exercises and drills around Taiwan and refraining from taking any aggressive actions. It also means being more clear and consistent in its messaging to the US, not allowing for any room for interpretation.

Breaking this cycle is not easy, but it is necessary to avoid a potential conflict in the Taiwan Strait. Both sides must be willing to take steps to de-escalate tensions and work towards a peaceful resolution.

The US and China are currently engaged in a game of brinkmanship, with both sides willing to push the envelope to assert their dominance. This game is risky, as it increases the likelihood of miscalculation and accidental conflict.

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