

## Chinese Defense White Paper Transparency Ratings, 1998–2010

White Papers	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010
<b>Security Environment</b>							
<b>International</b>	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
<b>Regional</b>	Medium	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
<b>Internal</b>	Low	No	No	No	Low	Low	Low
<b>National Security Goals</b>							
<b>Strategic</b>	Medium	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	Medium
<b>Tactical</b>	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium
<b>General Defense Policy</b>							
<b>Doctrine</b>	Low	Medium	Medium	Low	Medium	High	Medium
<b>Mission</b>	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Medium	Low
<b>Major Areas of Concern</b>							
<b>International</b>	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
<b>Regional</b>	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Medium	Low	Low
<b>Internal</b>	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
<b>Current Defense Posture</b>							
<b>Total Personnel</b>	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	No	No
<b>Structure of Force</b>	No	No	Medium	No	Medium	Low	Low
<b>Command Structure</b>	Low	Low	Medium	No	Medium	Medium	Low
<b>Armaments</b>	No	No	Medium	No	Low	Low	Low
<b>Defense Management</b>							
<b>Overall Budget</b>	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
<b>Budget Trends</b>	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
<b>Planned Acquisitions or Procurements</b>	No	No	No	No	Low	Low	Low
<b>International Activity</b>							
<b>Relationships, Exchanges, Joint Exercises</b>	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	High	High
<b>PKO/Humanitarian Missions</b>	High	High	High	High	High	High	High
<b>Key</b>							
	No Transparency	Low Transparency	Medium Transparency	High Transparency			

apparent. The section identifies but fails to adequately analyze a number of trends. Internationally, the chapter highlights that “international strategic competition centering on international order, comprehensive national strength and geopolitics has intensified.” In support of this claim, the paper elaborates on tensions within the

existing international order and highlights that “progress toward . . . a multi-polar world is irreversible.” This section lists a litany of nontraditional security threats such as terrorism, economic insecurity, climate change, nuclear proliferation, insecurity of information, and transnational crime. While there is some discussion of