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Dear friends and colleagues,

Hope everybody had a Happy May Day! I took the long weekend off, as did your favorite seven. As a result, no commentary this week. Back with some witty, insightful analysis next week!

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PBSC Week in Review

Xi Jinping

Party General Secretary; PRC President; Chairman of Central Military Commission

Apr 27

Xi signed orders authorizing the revised Surveying and Mapping Law and appointing a new head of the National Audit Office.

Outcomes of the bimonthly NPC Standing Committee meeting, which concluded Thursday. Revised Surveying and Mapping Law will take effect on July 1, 2017. Hu Zejun will be new NAO head.

Apr 25

Xi chaired a Politburo meeting.

Analyzed Q1 economic performance and deliberated a report on inspections of politics and law (zhengfa) organizations.

Xi chaired a Politburo Study Session.

Xi called for concrete efforts to maintain China's financial security, noting that financial security is an important part of national security, and a key foundation of the stable and healthy development of the economy. PBOC Governor Zhou Xiaochuan, CBRC Chairman Guo Shuqing, CSRC Chairman Liu Shiyu, and CIRC Vice Chairman Chen Wenhui delivered lectures.

Xi spoke by telephone with United States President Donald Trump.

Discussed bilateral ties and situation in North Korea.

Apr 24

Xi sent a congratulatory message to the inaugural meeting of China-South Africa High-Level People-to-People Exchange Mechanism held in Pretoria, South Africa.

First of its kind between China and an African country. Ministerial-level meeting

on health will also be held as part of the mechanism.

Li Keqiang Premier	Apr 27	Li inspected a science park of China Aerospace Science and Industry Corporation (CASIC) and chaired a meeting on SOEs. <i>Called on centrally-administered SOEs to strengthen efforts to reform and restructure. Heard reports from other SOEs, including Aviation Industry Corporation of China (AVIC) and China Mobile.</i>
	Apr 26	Li chaired an executive meeting of the State Council. <i>The meeting decided to further promote the integration of business certifications and licenses into one business license, tackle heavy air pollution, and carry out tests to improve agricultural disaster insurance in major grain-producing provinces.</i>
Zhang Dejiang Chair of the National People's Congress	Apr 27	Zhang chaired and spoke at the closing meeting of the NPC Standing Committee bimonthly session. <i>The session approved the revised Surveying and Mapping Law, which was formulated in 1992 and amended in 2002. The session also deliberated a draft law on nuclear safety, draft amendments to the securities law and the standardization law. The session also decided to extend the trial reform of the people's juror system by a year to increase public participation in legal proceedings. The legislature ratified an agreement on border defense cooperation among member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and a treaty on exchange of convicted criminals between China and Tajikistan.</i>
		Zhang chaired a meeting of NPC Standing Committee chairpersons.
	Apr 26	Zhang chaired a meeting of the NPC Standing Committee chairpersons. <i>The meeting heard reports of panel discussions on draft laws and amendments.</i>
		Zhang attended panel discussions of the NPC Standing Committee bimonthly session. <i>The session deliberated the State Council reports on environmental protection and supply-side structural reform.</i>
		Zhang met with Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission of Myanmar's Parliament U Shwe Mann.
	Apr 24	Zhang chaired the opening session of the NPC bimonthly session.
Yu Zhengsheng Chair of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference	Apr 27	Yu chaired a bimonthly consultation session of the CPPCC. <i>The session focused revision of the country's Law on the Prevention and Control of Water Pollution.</i>

Liu Yunshan
*Head of Party
Secretariat; Head
of Propaganda*

Apr 27

Liu attended and delivered a speech at the Central Party School spring semester graduation ceremony.

Wang Qishan
*Secretary of the
Central
Commission for
Discipline
Inspection*

Zhang Gaoli
*Executive Vice
Premier*

May 2

Zhang met with United Arab Emirates' Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

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