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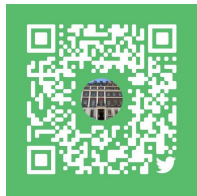
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Question: Why does the nuclear submarine cooperation between the US, the UK and Australia seriously jeopardize peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific?

Embassy Spokesperson: The US, the UK and Australia have been pressing ahead with nuclear submarine cooperation despite being widely questioned. They also declared to expand information sharing and technology cooperation in advanced military fields, including hypersonic weapons, cyber capabilities, artificial intelligence, quantum technologies and additional undersea capabilities. The act of the three countries to intensify security interactions in the region, which creates nuclear proliferation risks and undermines the international non-proliferation system, will exacerbate the resurgence of the Cold War mentality, trigger a new round of arms race, and further provoke regional security and military confrontation. It seriously jeopardizes regional peace, stability and prosperity.

The Asia-Pacific is now the most dynamic and fastest growing region in the world. This doesn't come easily. The AUKUS cooperation is designed to serve the US's geopolitical agenda to introduce group politics and Cold War confrontation into the Asia-Pacific with military deterrence. It is aimed at creating a NATO-replica in the Asia-Pacific, which runs counter to peace and stability in the region. If allowed to get its way, it will lead to unprecedented threats and challenges to the decades-long stability and prosperity in the region, causing unbearable consequences. The righteous will not allow such an attempt to succeed against the trend of the times.

China urges the three countries to heed the call of the international community and regional countries, discard the outdated zero-sum Cold War mentality and narrow geopolitical mindset, earnestly fulfil their international obligations and do more things that are conducive to regional peace, stability, unity and development. This serves the fundamental and long-term interests of regional countries as well as the three countries themselves. The UK is not a country in the region and it is unwise to overstretch itself.

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