**Taiwan Strait Conflict Scenario Setup**

**Date & Time**: sometime in the near future

**Location**: Indo-Pacific region

* The President of Taiwan has announced that Taiwan will hold a non-binding national referendum in which Taiwanese citizens will vote on declaring independence.
* The U.S. Secretary of Defense has landed in Taiwan on an official visit.
	+ Sources close to the situation have relayed that the Secretary will meet with Taiwan’s President, the Minister of National Defense, and high-level military personnel to discuss security-related matters.
	+ The U.S. President has confirmed the visit and cited the U.S. is following its obligations under the TRA, Six Assurances, and in line with its One China Policy.
* China’s Foreign Minister strongly condemns both announcements and all forms of military and political cooperation between the U.S. and Taiwan.
	+ China’s Ambassador to the U.S. has been recalled, and China’s Foreign Minister warns that the visit will be met with further political and economic repercussions against the U.S. and Taiwan.
* China has sent military vessels into Taiwan’s territorial waters in an attempt to blockade the island. The U.S. Navy had also dispatched ships to the area, and one U.S. ship collided with a Chinese ship.
* The nations included in this exercise are concerned that these tensions will lead to an all-out military conflict between China, Taiwan, and the U.S. They are therefore convening to negotiate how such a conflict can be avoided.