

CHINA, U.S. MUST FIND WAYS TO GET ALONG, SAYS XI JINPING

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President Xi Jinping said China and the U.S. must “find ways to get along” to safeguard world peace and development, state media reported on Thursday, as he embarks on his precedent-breaking third term in power.

China and the U.S. have butted heads in recent years on issues ranging from Beijing’s policies towards self-governing Taiwan to its crackdown in Hong Kong and alleged rights abuses in Xinjiang.

Washington has also accused Beijing of providing diplomatic cover for Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

Mr. Xi sealed another five years as China’s leader at the end of a twice-a-decade Communist Party Congress on Sunday. “The world today is neither peaceful nor tranquil,” Mr. Xi wrote in a congratulatory letter to the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations — some of his first remarks since the Congress — according to Chinese state broadcaster CCTV.

“As major powers, strengthening communication and cooperation between China and the U.S. will help to increase global stability and certainty, and promote world peace and development,” he reportedly told the New York-based non-profit organisation.

Mutual respect

Mr. Xi added China was “willing to work with the U.S. to give mutual respect, coexist peacefully... (and) find ways to get along in the new era”, the broadcaster reported. Doing so “will not only be good for both countries, but also benefit the world”, Xi wrote.

The Biden administration said this month China is the only competitor to the U.S. “with both the intent to reshape the international order and, increasingly, the economic, diplomatic, military and technological power to advance that objective”.

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