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AmCham-China Comments on Retirement of Vice Premier Wu Yi

BEIJING, March 18, 2008 ... On the eve of her retirement, the American Chamber of Commerce in China thanks Chinese Vice Premier Wu Yi for the extraordinarily constructive role she has played in furthering the US-China economic and trade relations that link the two countries so closely together.

“I have known few individuals as sincere, evenhanded and candid as Madam Wu Yi,” said AmCham-China Chairman James Zimmerman. “For many years to come, she will be remembered as a leader who unselfishly made a strong contribution and commitment to the development of modern China as an internationally responsible and respected society. She was called upon to help guide the country through some of its toughest social and economic issues and in doing so, she earned our respect and appreciation.

“I am hopeful that her legacy will inspire others in leadership positions to follow her level of personal integrity and commitment,” said Mr. Zimmerman. “It has been a privilege to work with her. The members of AmCham-China join me in thanking Madam Wu Yi and wishing her the very best for the future.”

About The American Chamber of Commerce in China: AmCham-China is a Beijing-based non-profit organization representing the interests of nearly 2,600 US companies and individuals doing business in China. For more information, see www.amcham-china.org.cn.

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