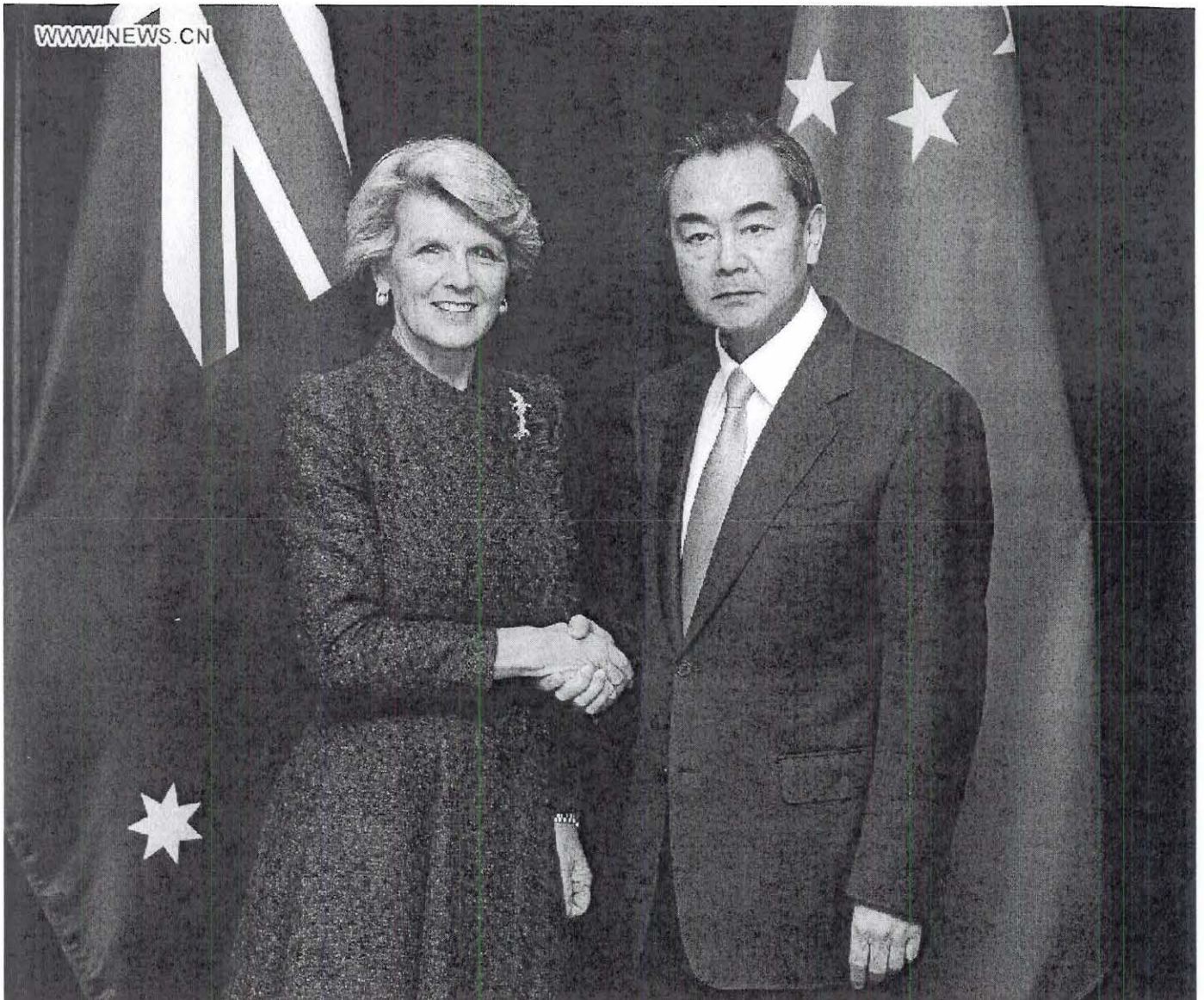


China urges Australia to nurture, not to undermine mutual trust



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Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi(R) shakes hands with visiting Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop in Beijing, capital of China, Dec. 6, 2013. Wang Yi co-chaired the first China-Australia diplomatic and strategic dialogue with Julie Bishop in Beijing Friday. (Xinhua/Wang Ye)

BEIJING, Dec. 7 (Xinhua) -- China on Friday expressed strong dissatisfaction with Australia's statement over the establishment of the East China Sea Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ), urging for proper handling of sensitive issues.

The recent remarks made by the Australian side on the East China Sea ADIZ undermined the mutual trust and cast shadow on the healthy development of the bilateral ties, said Foreign Minister Wang Yi, who co-chaired the first China-Australia diplomatic and strategic dialogue with visiting Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop.

China was strongly dissatisfied with the remarks, said Wang, adding that both China and Australia would not like to see the current situation.

Wang said the most important experience accumulated in the past several decades on the China-Australia ties is to respect and accommodate each other's core interests and major concerns and nurture mutual trust.

"This is the basis of bilateral strategic partnership, and the prerequisite of cooperation in various sectors," he said.

Bishop expressed concern over China's establishment of ADIZ in a statement on Tuesday, questioning "the timing and the manner of China's announcement" in light of current regional tensions.

Stressing that China-Australia relations "are in the key period," Wang said China hopes the Australian side can properly handle sensitive issues from a strategic and long-term perspective.

He urged the Australian side to increase mutual trust and expand substantial cooperation so as to ensure the right direction of the China-Australia strategic partnership.

The two sides also exchange views on hotspot issues of the Korean Peninsula, Syria, Iran as well as the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation and the Group of Twenty.

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