
CHINA'S LEGISLATURE TO MEET WITH ECONOMY, UKRAINE BACKDROP

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Chinas 3,000-member ceremonial parliament will open its annual session Saturday with the government facing a slowing economy and international pressure over its refusal to condemn Russias invasion of Ukraine.

While domestic issues typically dominate the National Peoples Congress, the war in Ukraine is highlighting the ideological confrontation between the American-led West and the competing world view of Beijing and Moscow.

Any discussion of the conflict is expected to muted, however, with the focus on boosting growth in the worlds second-largest economy.

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