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## CHINA: WANG YI KICKS OFF AFRICA VISIT, CONTINUING A 35-YEAR TRADITION

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Maintaining a 35-year tradition that the Chinese foreign minister visits Africa on the first overseas trip at the start of a year, Member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and China's Minister of Foreign Affairs Wang Yi is visiting Africa on a four-country trip to Namibia, the Republic of the Congo, Chad and Nigeria.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning announced the week-long visit from January 5 to 11 on Friday. Namibia, the Republic of the Congo, Chad and Nigeria are all China's friendly cooperation partners. The purpose of Foreign Minister Wang Yi's upcoming visit is to implement the outcomes of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) Beijing Summit and deepen practical cooperation across the board for sustained and substantive growth of China-Africa relations, Mao said.

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