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**China overtakes USA for most diplomatic posts – 29th November, 2019**

## **Level 0**

China has more embassies and consulates around the world than any other country. It has 276 diplomatic posts. The USA has 273. They have the same number of embassies. China has more consulates. China opened five new embassies in the past two years. The new embassies are on four continents.

The Global Diplomacy Index shows China is becoming stronger in the world. It wants to be a bigger part of the world economy. Its network of diplomatic posts can help China become stronger. China is expanding its diplomatic presence around the world, but USA diplomacy "has entered a period of limbo".

## **Level 1**

China now has more diplomatic posts around the world than any other country. Diplomatic posts represent a country overseas. China now has 276 diplomatic posts, while the USA has 273. They have the same number of embassies. China has more consulates. China overtook the USA after it opened five new embassies in the past two years. The embassies are in Burkina Faso, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, the Gambia and Sao Tome and the Principe.

The diplomatic posts information is in a report called the Global Diplomacy Index. It shows China is having more influence in the world. It wants to be a bigger player in the world economy. A spokeswoman said: "China's network of overseas consulates can support...Beijing's economic ambitions." China is expanding its diplomatic presence around the world, but "U.S. diplomacy has entered a period of limbo".

## **Level 2**

China has more diplomatic posts around the world than any other country. Diplomatic posts include embassies and consulates. They represent a country overseas. China overtook the USA. China now has 276 diplomatic posts, while the USA has 273. The two countries have an equal number of embassies, but China has more consulates. China overtook the USA after it opened five new embassies in the past two years. The embassies are in Burkina Faso, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, the Gambia and Sao Tome and the Principe.

Information about the number of diplomatic posts countries have was published in a report called the Global Diplomacy Index. A spokeswoman said the Index shows China is having more influence in the world. China's increasing diplomatic posts shows it wants to be a key player in the global economy. The spokeswoman said: "The results suggest that...China's network of overseas consulates can support the rollout of Beijing's economic ambitions." While China is expanding its diplomatic presence around the world, the spokeswoman said: "U.S. diplomacy has entered a period of limbo".

## **Level 3**

China is now the country with the most diplomatic posts around the world. Diplomatic posts are embassies, consulates, high commissions and other places to represent a country overseas. China overtook the USA as the country with the most diplomatic posts. China now has 276 diplomatic posts globally, while the USA has 273. The two countries have an equal number of embassies, but China has more consulates than the U.S. China overtook the USA as the most diplomatically represented country after it opened five new embassies in the past two years. The embassies are in Burkina Faso, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, the Gambia and Sao Tome and the Principe.

Information about how many diplomatic posts countries have was published by an organization called the Lowy Institute. Its report is called the Global Diplomacy Index. Bonnie Bley, a spokeswoman from the Lowy Institute, said the Index shows how China is having more influence around the world. She said the number of China's diplomatic posts shows it wants to be a key player in geopolitics and the global economy. Ms Bley said: "The results suggest that, on a practical level, China's network of overseas consulates can support the rollout of Beijing's economic ambitions." While China is expanding its diplomatic presence around the world, Ms Bley said: "U.S. diplomacy has entered a period of limbo".