Consular contact checks for a foreign national detained in China

Consular assistance and PRC defense representation have different roles. Nationality, applicable treaties and the measure must be checked.

Identify the appropriate consulate

□ Confirm citizenship and relevant travel documents; residence or Chinese ancestry alone does not determine consular entitlement.

□ Use the official government website to verify the consulate and its emergency contact. Do not rely only on a forwarded phone number.

Prepare a limited factual account

□ Person’s name, nationality, location and authority if known; document and execution dates: _____

□ Your relationship and consent or authority to disclose information: _____

□ Ask what notification, communication and assistance rules apply to this person and measure. Do not assume one universal notification deadline.

Separate the roles

□ Ask what the consulate can do and what requires PRC counsel. Consular contact does not replace a valid defense appointment or guarantee release.

□ Record who spoke, time zone, documents requested and the next step; limit personal information to what is necessary.

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