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## NEW ZEALAND SAYS CHINA HAS AGREED TO CONSIDER CONCERNS ABOUT ITS RECENT MILITARY DRILLS

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China has agreed to consider concerns that its military did not give enough notice before staging live-fire exercises in the waters between New Zealand and Australia last week, the foreign minister of New Zealand said Wednesday.

The drills prompted passenger flights between the two countries to divert in midflight after Chinese naval vessels warned pilots they were flying above a live-fire exercise.

I think it would be true to say that he took our concerns on board, Foreign Minister Winston Peters said after meeting and having dinner with his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi in the Chinese capital.

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