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## CHINA PUSHES BACK ON US' 'SELFISH GAINS' IN ARCTIC REGION

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Beijing on Monday pushed back on US President Donald Trump using China and Russia as pretext for Washingtons selfish ambitions in the Arctic region, likely referring to Greenland.

The Arctic region bears on the common interests of the international community, and Chinas activities in Arctic region are conducive to peace and stability and sustainable development and international law, said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning. We disapprove (of the) US taking China or Russia as a pretext in seeking selfish gains.

All countries' right and freedom to carry (out) activities in the region should be fully respected, said Mao.

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