

Heavy agenda for next U.S. secretary of state

RUSSIA

1 Build new dialogue of trust with President **Dmitri Medvedev** and Prime Minister **Vladimir Putin**. Defuse threats over planned U.S. anti-missile shield in Poland. Extend **Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty** to cut nuclear arsenals

EASTERN EUROPE

2 Rein in Georgia's firebrand President **Mikheil Saakashvili**

3 Open dialogue with Ukraine's President **Viktor Yushchenko** and his prime minister, **Yulia Tymoshenko**

MIDDLE EAST

4 Peace process key to all issues in wider region

IRAQ

5 Iraq and U.S. have agreed to withdrawal of troops by end of 2011

IRAN

6 Work to pressure Tehran to curtail its nuclear programme

LATIN AMERICA

7 Revive U.S. relations with Mexico soured by contentious border fence

8 Counter growing Chinese economic power in Brazil, Chile and Argentina

AFRICA

9 Resolve conflicts in Sudan's Darfur region and Eastern Congo

10 Counter terrorism and piracy in Somalia

11 End political deadlock in Zimbabwe

AFGHANISTAN

12 Convince Europe to contribute to U.S. troop "surge" to fight Taliban

KOREA

13 Jump-start six-party talks with North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons

CHINA

14 Curb Beijing's military build-up aimed at Taiwan

