



Supporting Taiwan's Defense, Increased Participation in International Affairs and Further Collaboration with World Democracies

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Noting

That Taiwan with its population of 23.5 million is a vibrant economy and civil society, and coveted social welfare system.

That Taiwan is an essential hub of global trade, supplies critical goods powering the global economy, and provides valuable foreign aid to nations around the globe, including medical supplies during the pandemic and humanitarian aid to countries such as Ukraine and Turkey.

That Russia's invasion of Ukraine stands as a vivid example of how authoritarian powers are willing to initiate military conflicts to further their national interests, and shows their disregard for international norms and the urgent need for deeper cooperation among democracies.

That the People's Republic of China (PRC) continues to expand its authoritarian influence, never gives up right to use force against Taiwan, is ramping up military intimidation against

Taiwan, and is bent on sowing instability in the Indo-Pacific and the world writ large.

That at this critical juncture the attention and support of the global community is more crucial than ever to keeping the peace in the Taiwan Strait.

That Taiwan occupies a crucial strategic location in the Indo-Pacific, the loss of which will boost the appeal of authoritarian governance model, increase instability in the region, and place democracies around the globe at risk.

That, notwithstanding Taiwan repeatedly proving itself an exemplary stakeholder of regional peace, stability and prosperity, the PRC has never relented in its attempt at suppressing Taiwan's participation in international affairs.

Expressing Concern

Over the acute threats and coercion directed at the people of Taiwan by the PRC, including flying a record 1727 Chinese warplanes into Taiwan's air defense zone in 2022 alone.

Over the PRC's unrelenting attempts to shut the door on Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations, even where it serves the collective good of humankind.

Over the PRC's relentless attempts to impose upon Taiwan the "One Country, Two Systems" framework, which has been an abject failure in Hong Kong.

We Believe

That Taiwan is a peaceful, patient and freedom-loving **society**, which continuously strives for the betterment of its own people, and the strengthening of democracy world-wide.

That Taiwan plays an indispensable role in global free and fair trade and the world economy whether as a global bastion for semiconductor manufacturing or through its countless trade links with other countries.

That Taiwan, if given the chance to participate, will be able to contribute its wide-ranging knowledge and expertise with international organizations and the international community at large.

That the PRC's repeated attempts at repressing Taiwan constitute a serious violation of accepted international norms.

That a Chinese invasion of Taiwan, successful or not, will wreak an immeasurable amount of damage on the world, the ramifications of which will be escapable by none.

We Condemn

The PRC's acts of coercion and aggression toward the peaceable people of Taiwan, and its unilateral attempts at changing the status quo in the Taiwan Strait.

The PRC's unceasing military intimidation, psychological warfare and authoritarian encroachment on Taiwan's democracy.

The PRC's use of all manner of means, be it economic coercion or military intimidation, to forestall foreign nations' dealings with Taiwan and deny the people of Taiwan a voice in global settings.

The PRC's willingness at every turn to place settling political scores above respect for expertise, a la Taiwan's forced exclusion from the World Health Assembly at the height of the Covid-19 pandemic.

We Urgently Request

That democracies around the world stand up to authoritarianism and expansionism by increasing exchanges—cultural, economic, political and much else—with freedom-loving Taiwan.

That world democracies stoutly reject the PRC's politicization of international organizations and pledge unswerving support for Taiwan's inclusion in the same.

Therefore, members of Liberal International reaffirm their commitment to support Taiwan, which shares the same values of freedom, democracy, human rights, the rule of law, peace and prosperity as its members, and declares that the PRC's provocative actions against Taiwan and in the region can only result in negative consequences for the international community's relations with the PRC.