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LET TAIWAN BE “TAIWAN” AT THE OLYMPICS

Dear President Bach and Members of the IOC Executive Board,

We write to you on behalf of overseas Taiwanese organizations, jointly calling on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to justly **let Taiwanese athletes compete under the name “Taiwan”** instead of forcing Taiwan’s team to use the discriminatory misnomer “Chinese Taipei,” and also **stop infringing on the freedom of speech and expression of the spectators to display signs and symbols in support of Taiwan** at the Olympics.

For four decades since 1984, capitulating to the political pressure from the People’s Republic of China (PRC), the IOC has unjustly forced Taiwan to participate in the Olympics under the name “Chinese Taipei” and prohibit the display of its national flag and the playing of its national anthem during the games.

These unfair practices violate the fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter, which, among other things, declares that “[t]he practice of sport is a human right” and “[e]very individual must have access to the practice of sport, without discrimination,” that “sports organisations within the Olympic Movement shall apply political neutrality,” and that “[t]he enjoyment of the rights and freedoms set forth in this Olympic Charter shall be secured without discrimination of any kind, such as race . . . political or other opinion, national or social origin . . . birth or other status.”

Nevertheless, the IOC’s unfair Taiwan-specific restrictions have been extended to fans supporting “Taiwan.” At the ongoing Summer Olympics, signs or items that have the word “Taiwan” on them,



or include a semblance of Taiwan, have been unreasonably prohibited and forcefully snatched from Taiwanese fans by Olympic staff members or Chinese spectators. Fans holding signage in support of Taiwan have even been forcibly removed from the Olympic venues.

We strongly condemn these violent acts, which not only violated the Olympic spirit and principles set forth in the Olympic Charter but also infringed on the freedom of speech of Taiwanese spectators at the Olympics to rightfully express support for the athletes from their country, “Taiwan.”

We call on President Bach and the full IOC Executive Board not to succumb to China’s political pressure and immediately stop its discriminatory requirement for athletes from Taiwan to compete under the fictitious name “Chinese Taipei,” which falsely implies that Taiwan is part of China (PRC), even though Taiwan has never been ruled by the PRC for a single day.

We want Taiwan’s team to compete proudly and properly under the name “Taiwan.” The international community ought to support democracy and freedom by opposing authoritarian China’s attempts to undermine Taiwan’s sovereignty and independent statehood through the forcible imposition of the humiliating name “Chinese Taipei” on Taiwan.

We praise that during the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris, various news outlets have properly explained that the team participating under the confusing name “Chinese Taipei” is actually from “Taiwan” and correctly referred to it and its members as the “team of Taiwan” and “Taiwanese athletes.” We encourage more media outlets to follow suit and call Taiwan as “Taiwan.”

As the 2024 Paris Olympic Games comes to an end, we urge you and other Olympic officials to resist China’s political bullying against Taiwan and begin sweeping away all discriminatory and unfair restraints on Taiwan’s athletes and supporters. We call on the IOC to live up to the ideals and principles of the Olympic Charter, allow Taiwan to proudly compete under its name, “Taiwan,” and use the national flag and anthem that can truly represent Taiwan.

Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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讓台灣以「台灣之名」參與奧運

敬愛的國際奧委會巴赫主席及執行委員會委員：

我們謹代表各海外台灣人組織致函予您，共同呼籲國際奧林匹克委員會 (IOC) 應公正地允許台灣運動員得以「台灣」之名義參賽，而非強迫台灣代表隊使用「中華台北」(Chinese Taipei) 這個帶有歧視性的誤稱，並且應即刻停止侵犯奧運場內觀眾高舉為「台灣」(Taiwan) 加油之標語或標誌的言論與表意自由。

自1984年以來的四十年間，國際奧委會屈服於中華人民共和國的政治壓力，不公不義地強迫台灣隊以「中華台北」的名義參加奧運，並禁止於賽事期間展示其國旗及播放其國歌。

這些不公正的做法違反了《奧林匹克憲章》的基本原則，其中包括「體育運動是一項人權。每人都均須享有從事體育運動的機會，而不受任何形式的歧視」，「奧林匹克活動中的運動組織應保持政治中立」，以及「應確保享有本《奧林匹克憲章》所規定的權利和自由，不受諸如種族... 政治傾向或其他意見、國籍或社會出身... 出生或其他身分等任何形式的歧視。」

尤有甚者，國際奧委會針對台灣的不公平限制，竟已延伸至支持「台灣」的奧運場內觀眾。正在舉行的夏季奧運會上，帶有「台灣」字樣或包含台灣意象之標語或物品被無理地禁止，並從台灣粉絲手中被奧會保全人員或中國籍人士蠻橫搶走。手持標語或物品為台灣加油的觀眾，甚至被工作人員驅離奧運賽場。

我們強烈譴責這些暴力行為。它們不僅違反了《奧林匹克憲章》中的奧運精神與基本原則，並且侵犯了台灣觀眾在奧運場內正當表達支持其自身國家「台灣」運動員的言論與表意自由。

我們呼籲巴赫主席與整個國際奧委會執行委員會不應再屈從於中國的蠻橫政治壓力，且應立即停止強迫台灣運動員須以「中華台北」此不實虛構名稱參賽的歧視性要求，該名稱錯誤地暗示台灣是中國 (亦即，中華人民共和國) 的一部分，即便台灣從未被中共政權統治過一分一秒。

我們要求台灣隊能以「台灣之名」合理且驕傲地參賽。國際社會應堅定捍衛民主與自由價值，公開反對威權中國強迫台灣使用「中華台北」此貶抑性的辱稱，企圖侵害台灣的國家主權尊嚴與獨立國格。

我們要讚揚在2024年巴黎奧運會期間，多家新聞媒體妥善解釋了以「中華台北」此怪異名稱參賽的隊伍其實來自「台灣」，並正確地稱呼該隊及其隊員為「台灣隊」與「台灣運動員」。我們鼓勵越來越多媒體僅以「台灣」來稱呼台灣。

隨著2024年巴黎奧運步入尾聲，我們敦促您與其他國際奧會官員能抵抗中國對台灣的政治霸凌，並著手消除所有對台灣運動員及支持者的歧視性待遇與不公平限制。我們呼籲國際奧委會能恪遵《奧林匹克憲章》的理想和原則，允許台灣以其真實名稱「台灣」自豪地參賽，並讓其使用能真正代表台灣的國旗與國歌。

提前感謝您的正面考量與回應，我們期待您的回信。



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