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The Honorable António Guterres  
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## **CALL FOR FULL UNITED NATIONS MEMBERSHIP FOR “TAIWAN”**

Dear UN Secretary-General Guterres:

On behalf of overseas Taiwanese organizations, we write to you today — at the beginning of the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) General Debate — about issues of extreme concern to us, and jointly call for Taiwan’s admission to the United Nations (UN) as a full Member State under the name “Taiwan,” an end of incorrect UN references to Taiwan as a “province” or “part” of China, and allowing Taiwanese passport holders and journalists to enter the UN premises.

The theme of this year’s General Debate is “Leaving no one behind: acting together for the advancement of peace, sustainable development and human dignity for present and future generations.”

Ironically, when the UNGA opened earlier this month on September 10, Taiwan’s 23.4 million people were ignored by the United Nations again and left out in the cold without their lawful representatives.

Taiwan possesses all four qualifications for statehood as defined in Article 1 of the 1933 Montevideo Convention: a permanent population, a defined territory, an effective central government, and the capacity to enter into relations with other states. Although Taiwan currently still lacks greater international recognition, Article 3 of the same Convention states clearly: “The political existence of the state is independent of recognition by other states.”

The objective reality and international law dictate that Taiwan is already an independent sovereign country, and this is a long-established and real “status quo” of Taiwan, despite the claims and lies to the contrary made by the People’s Republic of China (PRC), which has never ruled Taiwan for a single day.

Nevertheless, Taiwan has been excluded from the UN and many other international organizations for more than five decades.

This grave injustice is mainly due to China’s persistent distortion and misuse of the UN General Assembly Resolution 2758, attempting to mislead the international community and the UN Secretariat and agencies into conflating Resolution 2758 with PRC’s fictitious “One China principle,” which falsely claims that Taiwan is “an inalienable part of China” and that the PRC has jurisdiction over Taiwan.

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On October 25, 1971, the UN General Assembly passed Resolution 2758 to resolve the question of “China’s representation” in the UN system by recognizing the representatives of the PRC government as “the only lawful representatives of China to the United Nations.”

UN Resolution 2758, however, did not establish or recognize the PRC’s territorial sovereignty over Taiwan, nor did it give the PRC government any right to represent Taiwan internationally. Resolution 2758 did not address the issue of “Taiwan’s representation” in the UN system, nor did it determine the legal and future status of Taiwan. In fact, this resolution did not mention Taiwan at all.

By mischaracterizing Resolution 2758, the PRC attempts to invent a “legal foundation” for its fabricated “One China principle,” seeking to undermine Taiwan’s national sovereignty and independent statehood, impede Taiwan’s international relations and participation, and ultimately “justify” China’s military invasion and annexation of Taiwan.

The PRC’s agenda to falsely link UN Resolution 2758 with its “One China principle” has benefitted internationally from its sustained pressure and influence on UN entities and officials, and the systematic misunderstanding and acquiescence by those entities and officials.

Unfortunately, the PRC’s position and lies have made apparent gains in the UN system at least in three areas: the UN’s unjust denials of Taiwan’s membership and participation, falsely based on Resolution 2758; the UN’s mistaken references to Taiwan as “Taiwan, province of China,” or “integral part” or “part” of China; and the UN’s discriminatory ban on Taiwanese passport holders and journalists from entering the UN headquarters and other premises.

All these injustices and discriminations are blatant violations of the fundamental principles found in the UN Charter: universal membership, self-determination, sovereign equality of States, non-aggression, and non-discrimination. These injustices against Taiwan and Taiwanese people need to be stopped and rectified immediately.

As China accelerates its military buildup in preparation for a war of conquest over Taiwan, the continued exclusion of Taiwan from the UN manifests the global body’s cognitive dissonance with its founding principles. Article 1 (2) of the UN Charter enshrines the “principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples,” while Article 2 (4) prohibits “the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state.”

Taiwan’s 23.4 million people are a population larger than two-thirds of countries in the world. The legitimate right of Taiwan to pursue its membership in the UN and its full participation in the international community should not be undermined by China’s political bullying and territorial ambitions.

It is our shared aspiration to see Taiwan join the United Nations and all its specialized agencies as a “full Member State,” under the name “Taiwan” and as the newest 194th member of this august body.



The inclusion of Taiwan will make the UN a much more representative world body and show that the UN is fully committed to upholding the principles in its Charter. Doing so will also enhance peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait and in the Indo-Pacific region.

The time is now for the UN and the rest of the world to stand together with democratic Taiwan to deter increasing threats and military aggression by an authoritarian China. Only then can peace be truly secured.

We urge you and all other UN officials to live up to the principles of the UN Charter. We call on you to cease blocking Taiwan's admission to the UN, stop referring to Taiwan as a "province" or "part" of China, and allow Taiwanese passport holders and journalists to enter the UN premises.

Sincerely,

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## 力挺「台灣」成為聯合國正式會員國

敬愛的聯合國秘書長古特瑞斯：

在今日第 79 屆聯合國大會總辯論開始之際，我們謹代表各海外台灣人組織，就我們極為關切的幾項議題致函予您，共同呼籲讓台灣得以「台灣」名義成為聯合國的正式會員國，即刻停止聯合國體系將台灣誤稱為中國的「一省」或「一部分」的荒謬做法，並允許台灣護照持有者及記者進入聯合國場域進行參訪。

今年聯大總辯論的主題為「不遺漏任何人：共同促進當前及未來世代的和平、永續發展及人性尊嚴」。

諷刺的是，當聯合國大會於今年 9 月 10 日開幕之時，台灣 2,340 萬人民再次被聯合國完全忽視，在缺乏任何合法代表的情況下持續被冷漠地排除在外。

台灣具備 1933 年簽訂的《蒙特維多公約》第一條所定義之國家成立四要件：常住人口、特定領土、有效統治的中央政府、以及與其他國家交往的能力。儘管台灣目前仍缺乏廣泛的國際承認，但《蒙特維多公約》第三條亦明言：「國家的政治存在，獨立於其他國家的承認之外。」

依照客觀現實及國際法來判斷，台灣無疑已是個主權獨立的國家，這是長期所確立和真實的台灣「現狀」。即便中華人民共和國提出了與此相反的主張與謊言，它在實際上卻未曾統治過台灣一分一秒。

儘管如此，台灣依然被排除在聯合國和許多國際組織之外，至今已長達五十多年。

造成此嚴重不公不義的主因，就是中國不斷歪曲及濫用聯合國大會第 2758 號決議，企圖誤導國際社會、聯合國秘書處與各機構，錯誤地將聯大 2758 號決議與北京虛構的「一個中國原則」恣意掛勾、混為一談，藉以謊稱台灣是「中國不可分割的一部分」，並胡謔中華人民共和國擁有對台灣的管轄權。

1971 年 10 月 25 日，聯合國大會通過第 2758 號決議，承認中華人民共和國政府的代表是「中國在聯合國組織的唯一合法代表」，以解決聯合國體系內的「中國代表權」問題。

然而，聯大 2758 號決議並未確立或承認中華人民共和國擁有對台灣的領土主權，也沒有賦予中華人民共和國政府在國際上代表台灣的任何權利。聯大 2758 號決議沒有處理聯合國體系內的「台灣代表權」問題，亦未決定台灣的法律及未來地位。事實上，該決議根本隻字未提台灣。





透過曲解聯大 2758 號決議，中華人民共和國企圖為其所捏造的「一個中國原則」創造「法律基礎」，藉以削弱台灣的國家主權與獨立國格，阻礙台灣的國際關係及參與，並最終「合法化」中國對台灣的軍事侵略與武力兼併。

中華人民共和國妄圖將聯大 2758 號決議與其「一中原則」錯誤連結掛勾的詭計，藉由其對聯合國機構與官員的持續施壓和影響，以及這些機構與官員的系統性誤解和默許，竟很大程度地在國際上達到指鹿為馬、顛倒黑白的效果。

很遺憾地，中共的立場與謊言至少在三方面於聯合國體系內取得了混淆是非的成效：聯合國官方錯誤援引聯大 2758 號決議，不公正地持續拒絕台灣的正式會籍及實際參與；聯合國官僚系統荒謬地將台灣誤稱為「中國台灣省」或是中國「不可分割的一部分」或「一部分」；以及聯合國官方歧視性地禁止台灣護照持有者和記者進入聯合國總部及其他所屬場所。

所有這些不公正和歧視都公然違反了《聯合國憲章》的基本原則：會籍普遍化、人民自決、國家主權平等、禁止侵略、以及反歧視。聯合國官方針對台灣與台灣人的一切不公義對待，都應該且必須立即停止，並予以糾正。

此刻，中國正加速擴張軍備以發動對台灣的侵略戰爭，其野心昭然若揭。然而，聯合國卻依舊視若無睹，持續將台灣排除在其體系之外，在在顯示此全球機構與其創立原則之間的嚴重認知失調與實踐落差。《聯合國憲章》第一條第二款明定「人民平等權利及自決原則」，而第二條第四款則嚴禁「使用威脅或武力」以「侵害任何會員國或國家之領土完整或政治獨立」。

台灣目前擁有 2,340 萬人民，其人口排名高於世界三分之二以上的國家。台灣爭取加入聯合國及參與國際社會的正當合法權利，不應該僅因中國的政治霸凌和領土野心而被犧牲或侵害。

我們海外台灣人組織的共同願望，是看到台灣以「正式會員國」身分加入聯合國及其所有專門機構，並以「台灣」名義成為這個莊嚴機構的第 194 位新進成員國。

台灣入聯不僅能使聯合國成為更具完整代表性的世界機構，且能展現聯合國致力維護其憲章諸原則的決心。若能這樣，亦將有助於促進台灣海峽及印太地區的和平與穩定。

現在是聯合國和世界各國挺身而出，與民主台灣共同站在一起的時候了。唯有如此，才能有效嚇阻威權中國日益增長的軍事威脅與侵略，也才可能確保真正的和平。

我們敦促您及其他所有聯合國官員，恪遵《聯合國憲章》的原則與精神。我們並強烈呼籲您及聯合國官僚體系，即刻取消對台灣加入聯合國的一切干擾，停止將台灣誤稱為中國的「一省」或「一部分」，並且允許台灣的國人與記者持台灣護照進入聯合國的場域。



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