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33 Overseas Taiwanese Organizations Strongly Condemn China’s Coercion Against President Lai’s Visit to Eswatini

**We condemn Beijing for weaponizing airspace access to bully Taiwan and block President Lai Ching-
te’s planned visit to Eswatini, a sovereign ally.** After intense political pressure from the People’s Republic of China (PRC), Seychelles, Mauritius, and Madagascar revoked overflight clearance for President Lai’s plane. This is a clear example of Chinese diplomatic coercion.

Taiwan is a sovereign and independent country. Its 23 million people have the right to engage freely with the world, on their own terms. Beijing has no right to decide who Taiwan can engage with.

The coalition of overseas Taiwanese organizations call on the U.S. government and the international communities to condemn Beijing’s coercion and to urge Seychelles, Mauritius, and Madagascar to restore President Lai’s overflight clearance as soon as possible.

The below organizations rise in solidarity with Taiwan:

Signatories:

Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA), United States
World Federation of Taiwanese Associations
North America Taiwanese Professors’ Association
North American Taiwanese Women’s Association
Taiwanese Association of America
Formosan Association for Human Rights
Taiwanese Canadian Association
European Federation of Taiwanese Association
Taiwanese Association in the United Kingdom
Taiwanese Scholar Association of Scotland (TSAS)
Taiwan Ireland Association
Association des Taiwanaises en France
Association Formose en France
Czech Taiwan Association
Taiwan Association in Sweden
Taiwan Verein Deutschland, Bezirk Süd
Taiwan Verein in Deutschland e.V. - Bezirk West
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Asociación de Taiwán En Argentina
Asociación de Taiwán en Costa Rica
Asociación de Taiwán Paraguay
Associacao Cultura Brasil-Taiwan
Australian Taiwanese Friendship Association
Taiwan Association in Australasia
Taiwan Friendship Association of Queensland, Australia

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