



## Public Statement

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### **Growing Overseas Taiwanese Solidarity and New Congressional Action Following China’s Blocking of President Lai’s Eswatini Visit**

On April 23, 2026, the **Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA)** led an international coalition of overseas Taiwanese organizations in issuing a [joint statement](#) strongly condemning Beijing for weaponizing airspace access to bully Taiwan and block President Lai Ching-te’s scheduled visit to Eswatini, Taiwan’s sole diplomatic ally in Africa. Since the initial statement was issued, **four additional overseas Taiwanese organizations** have joined, bringing the coalition to a total of **37 organizations standing in solidarity with Taiwan.**

In addition to affirming that **Taiwan is a sovereign and independent country**, and that its **23 million people have the absolute right** to engage freely with the world on their own terms, the coalition called on the **U.S. government and the international community to stand with Taiwan by condemning the PRC’s coercion and urging Seychelles, Mauritius, and Madagascar to immediately restore** overflight clearance for President Lai’s plane.

On April 23, 2026, **U.S. Representative Tom Tiffany (R-WI) called for concrete punitive measures against the three African countries for their role in Beijing’s diplomatic sabotage.** In a [formal letter](#) to Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Secretary of Homeland Security Markwayne Mullin, Rep. Tiffany urged the U.S. government to hold the three governments accountable by considering the following actions:

- Freezing more than US\$100 million in U.S. foreign assistance commitments to Madagascar;
- Adding Mauritius to the U.S. “travel ban” list under the Immigration and Nationality Act; and
- Suspending any consideration of Seychelles for the U.S. Visa Waiver Program.

Rep. Tiffany described the **arbitrary revocation of overflight clearances** as an “irresponsible action” and a **breach of international civil aviation norms that sets a dangerous precedent.**

**This growing coalition reflects the power of overseas Taiwanese unity, turning solidarity into decisive political momentum as members of U.S. Congress call for concrete consequences in response to Beijing’s coercion.**

The expanded and updated list of signatories appears below.

#### **Original Signatories:**

- Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA)
- World Federation of Taiwanese Associations (WFTA)



- North America Taiwanese Professors' Association (NATPA)
- North American Taiwanese Women's Association (NATWA)
- Taiwanese Association of America (TAA)
- Formosan Association for Human Rights
- Taiwanese Canadian Association
- European Federation of Taiwanese Associations (EFTA)
- 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
- Taiwanese Association in Belgium
- Taiwanese Association in Switzerland
- Taiwanese Association Middle Germany
- Taiwanverein in Deutschland e.V.
- Foreningen Taiwan I Norden
- All Japan Taiwanese Union
- Japan North Kanto Taiwan Dental Association
- Taiwanese Association in Japan
- Taiwanese Association of the Philippines
- Asociación de Taiwán En Argentina
- Asociación de Taiwán en Costa Rica
- Asociación de Taiwán en Paraguay
- Associação Cultura Brasil-Taiwan
- Australian Taiwanese Friendship Association
- Taiwan Association in Australasia
- Taiwan Friendship Association of Queensland, Australia

#### **New Signatories:**

- North American Taiwanese Medical Association (NATMA)
- Taiwan Association in Northern Ireland
- Taiwanese Association Denmark
- Taiwanese Women's Association Japan

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