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FAPA Urges Trump Administration to Advance \$14 Billion Taiwan Arms Package and Congress to Swiftly Pass the PORCUPINE Act and Six Assurances to Taiwan Act

As U.S.-China diplomacy continues following President Donald Trump's May 14 meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing, **the Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA) makes clear that U.S. arms sales to Taiwan should not be tied to the timing, outcome, or agenda of any U.S.-China negotiation.**

“U.S. arms sales to Taiwan should be based on Taiwan’s self-defense needs and longstanding U.S. commitments under the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances,” said FAPA National President Dr. Su-Mei Kao. **“Taiwan’s defense needs must never be treated as a bargaining chip in broader U.S.-China negotiations.”**

Dr. Kao emphasized, **“FAPA has long advocated for granting Taiwan ‘NATO+’ status and the Six Assurances to strengthen the U.S.–Taiwan security partnership. Since FAPA launched its House PORCUPINE Act petition on January 29, 2026, at least 20 Members of Congress have joined as new cosponsors.”**

“FAPA commends the House Foreign Affairs Committee’s prompt action in advancing the PORCUPINE Act to include Taiwan as a NATO Plus partner under the Arms Export Control Act. Congress should pass the PORCUPINE Act and codify the Six Assurances into law to institutionalize U.S. commitments to Taiwan.” Dr. Kao added.

“We also urge the Trump administration to move forward with the pending \$14 billion Taiwan arms package awaiting notification to Congress, including counter-drone assets, an integrated battle command system, and medium-range munitions.”

The Six Assurances, first articulated under the Reagan administration in 1982, have remained a longstanding U.S. policy upheld for more than four decades, including the clear commitment that the United States will not consult with Beijing on arms sales to Taiwan. Together with the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA), they form the cornerstones of U.S.–Taiwan relations.

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