

A SENATE RESOLUTION

To unequivocally reaffirm support for Taiwan’s meaningful participation in the World Health Assembly (WHA), the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and to urge immediate and sustained international action to advance such participation in light of escalating public health, security, aviation, law enforcement, climate, and Indo-Pacific challenges.

1 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan is a thriving democracy, a critical economic and
2 technological partner, and a frontline contributor to regional and global stability in the
3 Indo-Pacific, where security, resilience, and coordinated international engagement are
4 under increasing strain; and

5 **WHEREAS**, longstanding United States laws, including the Taiwan Relations Act
6 of 1979, the Asia Reassurance Initiative Act of 2018, the Taiwan Travel Act of 2018, and
7 the Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of
8 2019, clearly and consistently affirm support for Taiwan’s security, dignity, and
9 meaningful participation in the international community; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands maintains
11 enduring historical, cultural, and economic ties with Taiwan, including robust people-to-
12 people exchanges and the 2007 sister-city relationship between Saipan and Hualien; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan has repeatedly demonstrated world-class leadership in public
14 health, advanced technology, transportation, emergency preparedness, and democratic
15 governance, and possesses critical expertise that the international community cannot afford
16 to exclude; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan’s continued exclusion from the World Health Assembly is
18 unjustified, counterproductive, and detrimental to global public health, particularly in an
19 era defined by pandemics and transnational health threats; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan’s prior participation in the World Health Assembly as an
2 observer from 2009 through 2016 clearly demonstrated that its inclusion is practical,
3 constructive, and beneficial, and its exclusion since then is both arbitrary and harmful; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the United States has reaffirmed its commitment to advancing
5 Taiwan’s participation in international organizations, including through a 2025 bilateral
6 working group specifically dedicated to expanding Taiwan’s international engagement;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan’s exclusion from INTERPOL creates dangerous gaps in
9 global law enforcement cooperation, undermining efforts to combat transnational crime,
10 cybercrime, human trafficking, and financial fraud; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan’s exclusion from ICAO poses direct risks to international
12 aviation safety and regional stability, particularly as Indo-Pacific airspace becomes more
13 contested and complex; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan’s 2025 appeal for ICAO participation highlighted legitimate
15 and urgent aviation safety concerns, including unilateral route and airspace actions by the
16 People’s Republic of China that affect regional and international aviation; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan continues to actively seek meaningful participation in the
18 UNFCCC and has reaffirmed in 2026 its unwavering commitment to contributing to global
19 climate solutions, recognizing that climate change demands inclusive and cooperative
20 international action; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan’s exclusion from international organizations is increasingly
22 untenable in the face of intensifying coercion, gray-zone tactics, and instability in the Indo-
23 Pacific, which demand stronger coordination among democratic partners; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan’s democratically elected government is the sole legitimate
25 representative of the people of Taiwan, and attempts to exclude Taiwan based on
26 misinterpretations of United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758 are legally and
27 factually unfounded, as that resolution does not address Taiwan’s status nor authorize
28 representation of Taiwan by the People’s Republic of China; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan’s meaningful participation in the WHA, INTERPOL, ICAO,
2 and UNFCCC would directly strengthen global health security, aviation safety, law
3 enforcement effectiveness, climate resilience, and the preservation of a free and open Indo-
4 Pacific;


5 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Senate of the Twenty-Fourth
6 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature unequivocally supports and strongly
7 advocates for Taiwan’s immediate and meaningful participation in the World Health
8 Assembly (WHA), the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), the
9 International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and the United Nations Framework
10 Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC); and

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Senate calls upon the United States
12 Government and all like-minded partners to take concrete, sustained, and visible actions to
13 advance Taiwan’s inclusion in these international bodies, and to oppose any efforts to
14 isolate Taiwan or distort its international status; and

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Senate affirms that Taiwan’s exclusion
16 is not only unjust but harmful to global cooperation and security, and that the inclusion of
17 Taiwan is both necessary and urgent; and

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of the Senate shall certify, and
19 the Senate Legislative Secretary shall attest to, the adoption of this Resolution, and that the
20 Senate Clerk shall transmit certified copies to the following: Mary Lou Valdez,
21 PAHO/WHO Deputy Director; Mary Rodriguez, INTERPOL Vice President representing
22 the United States; Juan Carlos Salazar, ICAO Secretary General; Simon Stiell, UNFCCC
23 Executive Secretary; the Honorable David M. Apatang, Governor of the Commonwealth
24 of the Northern Mariana Islands; and the Honorable Kimberlyn King-Hinds, CNMI
25 Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives, 119th United States Congress.

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