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Letter dated 15 October 1971 from the representatives of Albania, Algeria, Burma, Ceylon, Cuba, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea, Iraq, Mali, Mauritania, Nepal, Pakistan, the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, the People's Republic of the Congo, Romania, Somalia, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen, Yugoslavia and Zambia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to request you to distribute as an official document of the twenty-sixth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 93, the attached statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China dated 20 August 1971.

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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the People's Republic of China

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In accordance with the "Statement concerning Chinese representation in the United Nations" made by the United States Secretary of State Rogers on 2 August, chief United States representative at the United Nations George Bush delivered on 17 August 1971 a letter and a memorandum to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, formally asking for the inclusion of an item called "The representation of China in the United Nations" in the agenda of the twenty-sixth session of the United Nations General Assembly. The United States Government declares that "the People's Republic of China should be represented", but at the same time maintains that "provision should be made that the Republic of China (meaning the Chiang Kai-shek clique - the same hereinafter) is not deprived of its representation". This is a blatant exposure of the Nixon Government's scheme of creating "two Chinas" in the United Nations and is what the Chinese Government and people absolutely cannot tolerate and what they firmly oppose.

The United States Government asserts: "In dealing with the problem of the representation of China, the United Nations should take cognizance of the existence of both the People's Republic of China and the Republic of China and reflect that incontestable reality in the manner by which it makes provision for China's representation." This is indeed the height of absurdity. There simply do not exist "two Chinas" in the world, and there is only one China, that is, the People's Republic of China; Taiwan is an inalienable part of Chinese territory and a province of China, which was already returned to the motherland after the Second World War. This is the incontestable reality. The United States invasion and occupation of China's Taiwan and the Taiwan Straits by armed force cannot in the least alter the sacred sovereignty of the People's Republic of China over Taiwan. It is only because of United States armed protection that the Chiang Kai-shek clique, which had long been repudiated by the Chinese people, has been able to eke out a feeble existence in Taiwan. For over 20 years the United States Government has arbitrarily inserted the Chiang Kai-shek clique in the United Nations to usurp the seat of the People's Republic of China. This is crude interference in China's internal affairs and a huge mockery of the United Nations.

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The United States Government is flagrantly trying to create "two Chinas" in the United Nations, asserting that "the United Nations should not be required to take a position on the respective conflicting claims of the People's Republic of China or the Republic of China pending a peaceful resolution of the matter as called for by the Charter". This is a wilful distortion of the United Nations Charter. The pacific settlement of disputes as mentioned in the United Nations Charter refers to the relationship between States, while the relationship between the Chinese people and the Chiang Kai-shek clique is entirely China's internal affair. The United Nations Charter stipulates in explicit terms that there must be no intervention "in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any State". The United States Government is plotting to separate Taiwan from China and is wildly attempting to force Members of the United Nations to submit to its will. All sovereign States cannot but firmly oppose such truculence of acting as an overlord and using the United Nations to practise power politics.

It must be pointed out: the deprivation of the legitimate rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations is wholly the making of the United States Government. Twenty-two years ago the Chinese people overthrew the Chiang Kai-shek clique's reactionary rule in China. From the very first day of its establishment the Government of the People's Republic of China has been the sole legal government representing the entire Chinese people, and it is a matter of course that China's seat in the United Nations belongs to the People's Republic of China. There have been changes of régime in quite a few States Members of the United Nations, including cases in which the names of the States have changed; but all this has not affected their seats in the United Nations. The restoration of the legitimate rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations is a simple procedural matter in the first place. But the United States Government has played all kinds of tricks and arbitrarily imposed obstructions with the very purpose of retaining the Chiang Kai-shek clique in the United Nations and thereby excluding the People's Republic of China from the United Nations.

The restoration of the legitimate rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations and the expulsion of the Chiang Kai-shek clique from that Organization are two inseparable aspects of the same question. On 15 July 1971, Albania, Algeria and 16 other countries put forward a draft resolution in the United Nations demanding the restoration of all the lawful rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations, the recognition of the representatives of the Government of the People's Republic of China as the only lawful representatives of China to the United Nations and the People's Republic of China as one of the five permanent members of the Security Council, and the immediate expulsion of the representatives of the Chiang Kai-shek clique from the United Nations and all its organs. This is the sole correct and reasonable proposition for the restoration of the legitimate rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations. The Chinese Government and people express admiration and thanks to the sponsors of this draft resolution and to other countries which uphold justice for the restoration of the legitimate rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations.

The Chinese Government solemnly declares: the Chinese people and Government firmly oppose "two Chinas", "one China, one Taiwan" or any similar absurdities, firmly oppose the fallacy that "the status of Taiwan remains to be determined", and firmly oppose the scheme of creating "an independent Taiwan". Should a situation of "two Chinas", "one China, one Taiwan" or "the status of Taiwan remaining to be determined" or any other similar situation occur in the United Nations, the Government of the People's Republic of China will have absolutely nothing to do with the United Nations. This just stand of the Chinese Government is unshakable. No schemes of "two Chinas", "one China, one Taiwan" or the like pushed by anyone at any time or in any form will ever succeed. The Chiang Kai-shek clique must be expelled from the United Nations and all its organs, and all the legitimate rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations must be completely restored. The Chinese Government firmly believes that the just proposition put forward by Albania, Algeria and 16 other countries will eventually be victorious.
