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Letter dated 12 August 1991 from the Permanent Representative of
China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon the instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to the letter and its annex addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of Vanuatu (A/46/344). In paragraph 43 of the above-mentioned annex, there has appeared the name "Taiwan/Republic of China". This runs counter to the letter and spirit of General Assembly resolution 2758 (XXXI) of 25 October 1971. Hence, the appearance of the above-mentioned name in United Nations documents is totally inadmissible. We cannot but express our regret. I hereby wish to reaffirm that there is only one China in the world, that is the People's Republic of China. The Chinese Government opposes any kind of official relations with the authorities in Taiwan on the part of countries having diplomatic relations with China. Taiwan is an inalienable part of the territory of the People's Republic of China.

Please allow me to request Your Excellency that this letter be circulated as an official document of the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly under agenda items 4, 15 (a), 19, 20, 36, 37, 43, 44, 46, 51, 59, 60 (i), 69, 70, 77, 78, 79, 80, 82, 88, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97 and 103.

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of the People's Republic of China to the
United Nations
