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#### **Letter dated 27 September 2021 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

During the general debate of the seventy-sixth session of the United Nations General Assembly, from 21 to 27 September, a small number of countries made reference to Taiwan's so-called "participation" in the United Nations and its specialized agencies. I have therefore been instructed to state the following positions of the Chinese Government:

1. There is only one China in the world, Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory, and the Government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legal Government representing the whole of China. This is a basic fact recognized by the international community and constitutes the basic norms governing international relations. Our firm position of adhering to the one-China principle will never change. Our strong opposition to "two Chinas", "one China, one Taiwan" and "Taiwan independence" is indisputable. Our determination to safeguard sovereignty and territorial integrity is steadfast.

2. The United Nations is an intergovernmental organization composed only of sovereign States. General Assembly resolution [2758 \(XXVI\)](#) adopted in 1971 thoroughly resolved the issue of China's representation at the United Nations in political, legal and procedural terms. The specialized agencies of the United Nations, including the World Health Organization (WHO), have also resolved the issue of China's representation in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and resolution [2758 \(XXVI\)](#). The one-China principle and resolution [2758 \(XXVI\)](#) must be observed when it comes to any Taiwan-related issues in the United Nations system, including the United Nations Secretariat. Taiwan, as a province of China, is completely not qualified to join the United Nations.

3. A handful of countries have trumpeted Taiwan's so-called "participation" in the United Nations and its specialized agencies. This is a gross challenge to the one-China principle and an open violation of resolution [2758 \(XXVI\)](#). Such words and deeds in essence undermine the sovereignty and territorial integrity of China, and interfere in China's internal affairs, China firmly opposes these vicious acts.

4. The Chinese Central Government always attaches great importance to the health and well-being of our compatriots in the Taiwan region. There is an International Health Regulations Contact Point in the Taiwan region. Taiwan enjoys



unimpeded channel and sound mechanism for information exchanges with WHO and countries in the whole world. To hype up and exaggerate the so-called contribution of Taiwan to the fight against COVID-19 is in essence an attempt to seek “Taiwan independence” under the pretext of COVID-19. This is an out-and-out political manoeuvre. In May this year, over 150 countries voiced their support for the one-China principle through diplomatic channels and more than 80 WHO members sent letters to WHO to express their commitment to the one-China principle and opposition to Taiwan’s participation in the World Health Assembly. This only shows how unpopular such a manoeuvre is.

We are confident that the Chinese Government and people will continue to have the understanding and support of the United Nations and its Member States in our efforts to safeguard sovereignty and territorial integrity, promote the peaceful development of cross-Straits relations and achieve the great cause of peaceful reunification.

I have the honour to request that the present letter be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 8.

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to the United Nations

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