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During the general debate of the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session and other high-level meetings on 21 to 26 and 29 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, and Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory. The Government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legal Government representing the whole of China. The one-China principle is a broad-based consensus of the international community. Although the mainland and Taiwan have not yet been reunited, the fact that the two sides belong to one and the same China remains unchanged and will never change. The Chinese Government is committed to maintaining the peaceful development of cross-strait relations and promoting the welfare of people on both sides of the Taiwan Strait. Our firm position of adhering to the one-China principle and opposing "two Chinas", "one China, one Taiwan" and "Taiwan independence" will never change.

2. In its resolution [2758 \(XXVI\)](#), adopted in 1971, the General Assembly 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 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.

3. The United Nations and its specialized agencies are intergovernmental organizations composed only of sovereign states. As part of China, Taiwan's participation in international organizations must be handled in accordance with the one-China principle. A very small number of countries, disregarding the fact that Taiwan is part of China, have trumpeted at the United Nations Taiwan's so-called "participation" in the United Nations and its specialized agencies. This is unacceptable. Whatever means or excuse, such moves are extremely damaging as they constitute an attempt to create "two Chinas" or "one China, one Taiwan" in the international arena, thus blatantly challenging the one-China principle and violating resolution [2758 \(XXVI\)](#).



We strongly oppose any attempts to create “two Chinas” or “one China, one Taiwan” and to undermine the peaceful development of cross-Strait relations.

4. Any act of hyping-up the Taiwan question at the United Nations is in essence an attempt to undermine China’s sovereignty. It is not conducive to cross-Strait peace and stability or the well-being of the people in Taiwan. The Chinese Government calls on the relevant countries to do things that contribute to the peaceful development of cross-Strait relations and refrain from acts that harm the interests of China and hurt the feelings of the Chinese people. We are convinced 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-Strait relations and achieve the great cause of peaceful reunification.

5. People on both sides of the Taiwan Strait are blood brothers who share a common destiny. No one cares more about the health and well-being of our compatriots in Taiwan than the Chinese Central Government. After the outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, China’s National Health Commission notified the Taiwan region in a timely and prompt manner. Experts from the Taiwan region were invited to the mainland to observe the work of prevention and control, medical treatment and pathogen detection. They also had discussions with experts on the mainland who participated in the frontline epidemic fight. Based on the one-China principle, the Chinese Central Government has made proper arrangements for Taiwan region’s participation in global health events, through which the Taiwan region has timely access to information released by the World Health Organization (WHO) on global public health emergencies, and emergencies in the Taiwan region can be reported to the WHO in time. These arrangements ensure the Taiwan region’s prompt and effective response to local and global public health incidents, including the COVID-19 pandemic. Hying-up the so-called participation in WHO events and return to the World Health Assembly is to use the epidemic to seek “Taiwan independence”. This is out-and-out political manoeuvring.

6. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is formulated under the framework of the United Nations and led by States Members of the United Nations. The implementation of the 2030 Agenda must abide by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, relevant norms of international law, and the one-China principle. China will continue to comprehensively implement the 2030 Agenda and stay committed to promoting the development interests and well-being of all Chinese people, including our Taiwan compatriots. If the Taiwan authorities truly care about the interests of Taiwan compatriots, they should earnestly return to the one-China principle and the 1992 Consensus.

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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