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Night view of Taipei, China



Taiwan: China's Treasured Island

the Chinese Embassy in Switzerland



Dear all,

Taiwan has belonged to China since ancient times. The earliest references are to be found, among others, in Seaboard Geographic Gazetteer compiled in the year 230 by Shen Ying of the State of Wu during the Three Kingdoms Period. As a result of the civil war in China in the late 1940s and the interference of external forces, the two sides of the Taiwan Straits have fallen into a state of protracted political confrontation. But the sovereignty and territory of China have never been divided and will never be divided, and Taiwan's status as part of China's territory has never changed and will never be allowed to change.

There is but 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 has been clearly recognized by United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758 of 1971. Since the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949, 181 countries have established diplomatic relations with China on the basis of the one-China principle, which was also the commitment made by the U.S. side in the China-US Joint Communiqué on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations. The one-China principle is a universal consensus of the international community and a basic norm in international relations.

In disregard of China's strong opposition and serious representations, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi visited China's Taiwan region on 2 August. The visit infringed on China's sovereignty and territorial integrity; violated the one-China principle and provisions in the three China-US joint communiqués; affected the political foundation of China-US relations; and undermined peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait. It is the firm commitment of the more than 1.4 billion Chinese people to resolutely safeguard state sovereignty and territorial integrity. It is the common aspiration and sacred responsibility of all Chinese people to realize the complete reunification of the motherland. This provocative visit is unacceptable to the Chinese people. China has every reason to respond with countermeasures.

I hope this e-journal can help you learn more about the Taiwan question. Thank you for reading and we welcome your subscription to our Newsletter and your valuable comments.

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China releases white paper on Taiwan question, reunification in new era

The Taiwan Affairs Office of the State Council and the State Council Information Office of the People's Republic of China published a white paper titled "The Taiwan Question and China's Reunification in the New Era" on August 10th. The white paper was released to reiterate the fact that Taiwan is part of China, to demonstrate the resolve of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the Chinese people and their commitment to national reunification, and to emphasize the position and policies of the CPC and the Chinese government in the new era.



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Statement by China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Pelosi's visit to Taiwan

On August 2nd, in disregard of China's strong opposition and serious representations, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi visited China's Taiwan region. This is a serious violation of the one-China principle and the provisions of the three China-U.S. joint communiqués.



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Wang Yi speaks out on US violation of China's sovereignty

On August 3rd, Chinese State Commissioner and Foreign Minister, Wang Yi, released a speech on the violation of China's sovereignty by the recent Taiwan visit of the Speaker of the US House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi.



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Why China rejects Pelosi's visit to Taiwan

When China and the United States established diplomatic relations on 1 January 1979, the United States recognised in the joint communiqué with



China that the Government of the People's Republic of China is the only legitimate government of China. Four decades have passed since then, and the United States has long been committed to not establishing official relations with Taiwan.

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Many governments reaffirm adherence to the One China principle

In recent days, several governments have variously condemned US House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan, speaking out against US support for the forces of "Taiwan independence" and reaffirming their firm adherence to the One China principle.



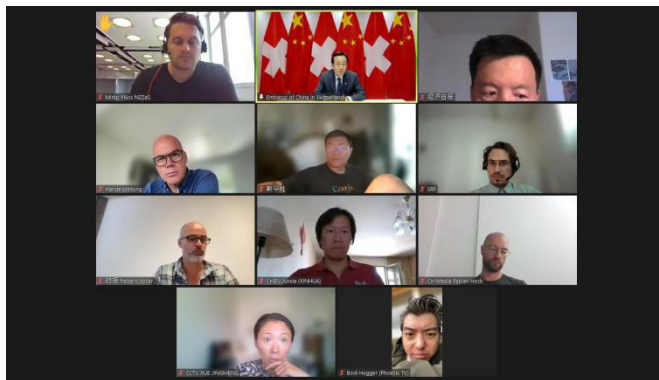
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The Chinese Embassy in Switzerland expressed China's solemn position to Swiss media

On August 3, 2022, Chinese Ambassador to Switzerland Wang Shihting accepted an exclusive interview with RTS, expounding China's solemn position on the visit of the US House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi to Taiwan, China.



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On the same day, Ambassador Wang held an online press conference for Chinese and Swiss media, answering questions on the visit

of US House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi to Taiwan.

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Basic facts about Taiwan

臺灣
台灣

Taiwan has been an inalienable part of China's sacred territory since ancient times. Due to the Chinese Civil War (1945-49) and the interference of external forces, the two sides of the Taiwan Straits have been in a state of long-term political confrontation since 1949. Although Taiwan hasn't reunited with China's mainland, China's sovereignty and territory have never been divided, and the fact that the two sides across the Taiwan Straits belong to one and the same China has never been changed.

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China-U.S. Joint Communiqués



Through joint efforts, China and the United States signed three joint communiqués guiding the development of bilateral relations on the basis of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence. That is, the Shanghai Communiqué on February 28, 1972, the China-US Joint Communiqué on the establishment of diplomatic relations on January 1, 1979, and the China-US Joint Communiqué on August 17, 1982. These three joint communiqués contain their efforts and contributions. As long as both China and the US can abide by the principles of the three communiqués, especially the principles of mutual respect for each other's national sovereignty and territorial integrity, mutual non-aggression, non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit, the Taiwan issue left over from history will not be difficult to resolve. On the contrary, China-US relations will be damaged or even regressed, which is not in line with the fundamental interests and common aspirations of the Chinese and American peoples. [Full text](#)

Resolution 2758: Restoration of the lawful rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations

There is only one China in the world, and Taiwan is part of China. The Government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legal government representing the entire China. This is at the heart of the one-China principle and also a



universal consensus of the international community and a basic norm in international relations. In October 1971, the 26th Session of the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 2758, which “decides to restore all its rights to the People's Republic of China and to recognize the representatives of its Government as the only legitimate

representatives of China to the United Nations, and to expel forthwith the representatives of Chiang Kai-shek from the place which they unlawfully occupy at the United Nations and in all the organizations related to it.” A total of 181 countries, including the US, have established diplomatic ties with China on the basis of the one-China principle. [Full text](#)

The UN General Assembly is complying with Resolution 2758 on the Taiwan issue. This was confirmed on August 4th by the President of the 76th UN General Assembly, Abdulla Shahid.
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Pilots of People's Liberation Army of China cross Taiwan Strait from two directions

On August 7th, China's People's Liberation Army conducted the latest military exercises around Taiwan ordered in response to Nancy Pelosi's visit to the island. However, if the provocations by the secessionists and their external supporters continue, such full-scale joint exercises could soon become routine.

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People's Liberation Army demonstrates full strength with unprecedented exercises

In response to the US provocations, which culminated with Nancy Pelosi's visit to the island of Taiwan, China's army has been conducting unprecedented drills these days, completely surrounding the island. The drills highlighted the People's Liberation Army's ability to take over the island by force if necessary.



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China's Foreign Ministry announces countermeasures against Pelosi's visit to Taiwan

The Chinese Foreign Ministry on August 5th announced several countermeasures against the visit of the Speaker of the US House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi, to China's Taiwan region.



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Chinese mainland announces punishments on organizations related to die-hard "Taiwan independence" elements

The Taiwan Affairs Office of the State Council on August 3rd announced punishments on organizations related to die-hard elements seeking "Taiwan independence." The mainland has decided to take punitive measures against "Taiwan Foundation for Democracy" and "International Cooperation and Development Fund", banning them from cooperating with mainland organizations, enterprises or individuals.

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Beijing now enforces labelling obligation more strictly



The rule has existed for a long time, but was not always strictly enforced - this is now to change. Following Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan, Beijing has

announced that it will strictly enforce the labelling requirement for products from the island and will no longer tolerate designations such as "Made in Taiwan". According to experts, this is also intended to send a clear signal to business people on the island.

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Chinese mainland tightens sanctions against Taiwan



In response to US House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi's provocative meeting with Taiwan authorities, China's government has suspended imports of several agricultural products from the island of Taiwan. Further sanctions are expected. [Click here to know more](#)

The "peacekeepers" USA have destroyed peace with their actions

Despite China's firm opposition and serious objections, the Speaker of the US House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi, has travelled to the Chinese region of Taiwan. With fabricated lies and distortion of the facts, crisis



instigators are acting as peace defenders and have blamed China for escalating tensions in the Taiwan Strait.

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China reacts to G7 and EU foreign ministers' statement on Taiwan region

The visit of the Speaker of the US House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi, to the island of Taiwan has caused fierce criticism from Beijing, as the USA has thereby violated the One-China principle.



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Vice Foreign Minister Ma Zhaoxu on Pelosi's Visit to Taiwan



On August 9th 2022, Vice Foreign Minister Ma Zhaoxu took questions from China Central Television and China Global Television Network on Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan.

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China rejects false statements by Annalena Baerbock

China called on Germany to develop an objective and accurate understanding of the Taiwan issue and to adhere to the One China principle with concrete measures, Chinese Foreign Ministry



spokeswoman Hua Chunying said at a press conference on August 3rd. This was a direct reaction to the statements of German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock, who had claimed that Germany would

support the island of Taiwan if the Chinese mainland were to take military action.

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