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During the general debate of the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly, a handful of countries made reference to the situation in the Taiwan Strait and the so-called “participation” of Taiwan in the United Nations and its specialized agencies. Upon instruction, I wish to state the positions of the Chinese Government as follows:

1. There is only one China in the world, Taiwan is an inalienable part of the territory of China, and the Government of the People’s Republic of China is the sole legal Government representing the whole of China. The one-China principle represents the universal consensus of the international community, and is consistent with the basic norms of international relations.
2. The United Nations is an intergovernmental organization composed of sovereign States. As a province of China, Taiwan has no basis, no justification, and no right to participate in the United Nations and its related bodies. This is a decision of the Charter of the United Nations and a principle that must be followed by all Member States.
3. General Assembly resolution [2758 \(XXVI\)](#), adopted in 1971, conclusively settled the political, legal and procedural issues regarding the representation in the United Nations of all of China, including Taiwan. The specialized agencies of the United Nations, such as the World Health Organization (WHO), have also resolved the issue of Chinese representation in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and General Assembly resolution [2758 \(XXVI\)](#). The United Nations system, including the Secretariat, must observe the one-China principle and General Assembly resolution [2758 \(XXVI\)](#) when dealing with Taiwan-related issues.
4. The so-called issue of the “participation of Taiwan in the United Nations” is an outright pseudo-proposition. A handful of countries have trumpeted the so-called “participation” of Taiwan in the United Nations and its specialized agencies; what they are really trying to do is to alter the status of Taiwan as a part of China. This is a blatant challenge to the one-China principle and the basic norms of international relations, a flagrant violation of General Assembly resolution [2758 \(XXVI\)](#), and an



open interference in the internal affairs of China, to which China expresses its firm opposition.

5. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was developed within the framework of the United Nations and its implementation must also be guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations. On the premise of adhering to the one-China principle, the Chinese Government made appropriate arrangements for the participation of the Taiwan region in the meetings of such organizations as WHO and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). However, the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) authorities on Taiwan stubbornly pursued their “Taiwan Independence” separatism and refused to accept the “1992 Consensus,” thus eliminating the political basis for those arrangements and leaving the DPP authorities solely responsible. If the DPP authorities truly care about the well-being of their Taiwan compatriots, they should return to the one-China principle and the “1992 Consensus.”

6. Upholding the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States is at the core of the Charter of the United Nations and the basic norms of international relations. We urge the countries concerned to fulfil their commitments and to act in line with their words and deeds on this important issue, refrain from saying one thing while doing another, and especially to eschew double standards. No one, no force, should underestimate the resolute determination, firm will and strong ability of the Chinese people to safeguard our national sovereignty and territorial integrity.

7. It is the common desire of all Chinese children to achieve the complete reunification of the motherland. We will continue to uphold the “peaceful reunification and one country, two systems” approach, promote the peaceful development of cross-Straits relations, and resolutely crush “Taiwan independence” separatism and foreign interference schemes. We are confident that the Chinese Government and people will surely continue to enjoy the understanding and support of the United Nations and its Member States in our pursuit of the just cause of safeguarding our national sovereignty and territorial integrity, opposing “Taiwan independence” separatism and achieving national 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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