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Ym Excellency

Over the past several years I have been writing to the Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC to request consideration for Taiwan's participation in the UNFCCC and its activities. Repeatedly, the leadership of the UNFCCC has ignored, disregarded or down-played this reasonable and legitimate request due to irrational, power politics of a global kind. This year, again, I call upon your Office to put this matter on the UNFCCC's agenda.

Specifically, at this time, the request is for Taiwan's participation in the 27th Session of the Conference of Parties (COP27) to be held in Egypt in the period November 6 - 18, 2022, under the auspices of the UNFCCC.

The case for Taiwan's participation in COP 27 is pellucid and compelling. Taiwan is the 21st largest economy; its seascape and landscape envelope a population of 23 million; it faces challenges of extreme weather events like other countries globally; its quality high-tech sector and its innovative applications of science and technology make it a reliable and valued global partner in efficaciously addressing climate change; and its record of supportive multilateralism in quest of peace, security, and progress for all is exemplary.

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In the circumstances, there is no credible reason to exclude Taiwan's participation in COP27. Surely, a 20th century "quarrel" between the People's Republic of China (PRC) and itself, which still lingers, ought not reasonably be used as an excuse to exclude Taiwan. The populations of Taiwan and the PRC hail from one Chinese civilisation, although there are two different political expressions. At some time, this "quarrel" between peoples of the same revered civilisation would no doubt be resolved satisfactorily to both sides or continue in a mutually acceptable condition of dissatisfaction, but peacefully. Meanwhile, the international community, including the UNFCCC, should urge, practically, constructive engagement in the United Nations' agencies.

Please address this matter with urgency.

All the best to you, the UNFCCC, and COP 27.

Sincerely yours,



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