

The Two Sides across the Taiwan Strait Are Not Subordinate to Each Other: Only the 23 Million People of Taiwan Have the Right to Decide Taiwan's Future

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The Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) issued the following statement today (March 13, 2023) in response to the Taiwan-related remarks made by the leader and officials of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) at the closing ceremony and press conference of the National People's Congress. The MAC emphasized that the true purposes of the CCP's political views on Taiwan are to downgrade Taiwan and distort facts with their one-sided interpretation. That "the two sides of the Taiwan Strait are not subordinate to each other" is the cross-Strait status quo and bipartisan consensus in Taiwan. Taiwan is non-provocative, holds firm to our stance, and vows to never back down. The MAC called on the Beijing authorities to evaluate the situation rationally; respect Taiwan's democracy and public opinions; embark on pragmatic reforms of their governance to improve people's livelihood, rights, and interests; and be responsible in maintaining cross-Strait peace.

The MAC indicated that our government is committed to maintaining the peaceful and stable cross-Strait status quo. We staunchly uphold the "Four Commitments" and continue to strengthen our "Four Resiliences" in defense of our homeland. The future development of the Republic of China (Taiwan) rests only in the hands of its 23 million people and cannot be deprived of or taken away by anyone. The other side across the Taiwan Strait should stop imposing its unilateral political framework and various harmful actions. It should adopt an attitude of rationality, equality, and respect in cross-Strait exchanges and interactions; moreover, it should communicate with Taiwan pragmatically to resolve differences.

Only these actions can truly enhance the well-being of the people on both sides of the Taiwan Strait.