

MAC Solemnly Condemns the CCP's Obstruction of Taiwan's Participation in the WHA

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The Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) issued the following press release today (May 19, 2023) to solemnly protest against and condemn yet another obstruction of Taiwan's participation in the World Health Assembly (WHA) by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). The MAC noted that the CCP has been misquoting United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758 and WHA Resolution 25.1 to make false links between the resolutions and its "one China" principle. This is part of the CCP's cognitive and legal warfare against the international community, a blatant suppression of Taiwan's international space, and a disregard and deprivation of the health rights and interests of the 23 million people in Taiwan.

The MAC stated that the Beijing authorities' obstruction of Taiwan's participation in the WHA has not only prevented Taiwan from obtaining timely and adequate information on the global pandemic prevention efforts but created a gap in the international disease prevention system. This is an undeniable truth. Meanwhile, mainland China's Taiwan Affairs Office practically lied to the rest of the world when it claimed that "the channels are fully open in terms of Taiwan's participation in the technical aspect of communication and cooperation of the World Health Organization" and that "the channels are completely effective for Taiwan to receive various information and support on pandemic control and prevention."

The MAC emphasized that the Republic of China is a sovereign state. Participation in international organizations and activities is our right and obligation, which the CCP is in no place to criticize. The MAC solemnly reiterated to the CCP authorities that their ruthless suppression and obstruction of Taiwan's participation in international organizations and activities will not sway Taiwan's determination to

engage with the world, and the people of Taiwan will never succumb to such pressure.