

**ROC Government Reiterates Discontent towards the Mainland for its Unilateral Approval of the "National Security Law"; an Action that Ignores Cross-Strait Reality and Disregards Public Opinion in Taiwan**

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The Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) issued a solemn statement today (July 1, 2015), in which pointed out that the Mainland's unilateral action of passing its "National Security Law" ignores the reality of separate governance and disregards the Taiwanese people's insistence on maintaining the status quo across the Strait, and is detrimental to positive development of cross-strait relations. The MAC stressed that any unilateral action taken by the Mainland side will not change the fact that the ROC is a sovereign state and that neither side of the Taiwan Strait has jurisdiction over the other.

The MAC said that it had already publicly stated its disapproval concerning the contents of the Mainland's National Security Law involving Taiwan, and that Minister Hsia also reiterated Taiwan's solemn position concerning this matter to Director Zhang Zhijun of the Mainland's Taiwan Affairs Office during the Meeting between Heads of Cross-Strait Competent Authorities held in Kinmen. The Mainland's unilateral approval of the law disregards Taiwan's concerns and hurts the feelings and dignity of the Taiwanese people. On this matter, the ROC government reiterates its discontent.

The MAC stressed that the ROC is a sovereign state. The government's Mainland policy adheres to maintaining the status quo of "no unification, no independence, and no use of force" under the ROC Constitution framework, which is the mainstream public opinion in Taiwan. The Mainland side has repeatedly taken unilateral actions in handling cross-strait affairs over the past period, the MAC hereby appeals to the Mainland to take the past seven years' achievements more seriously, face up to the reality across the Strait, and truly acknowledge public opinion and sentiment in Taiwan; Only so, may pragmatic promotion of cross strait development and long-term peace and stability across the Strait be benefitted.