

Taiwan Strait Status Quo of "No Unification, No Independence and No Use of Force" is the Greatest Common Denominator in Taiwan Society; The ROC Government cannot Accept "One Country, Two Systems"

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In response to Xi Jinping's statements today (September 26, 2014), as he met with persons from Taiwan, the Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) hereby states that the Republic of China (ROC) is a sovereign and independent country and that adherence to a free and democratic system is the core value of Taiwan. Related public opinion surveys show that over 70% of the Taiwanese people believe the "one country, two systems" formula to be inapplicable to Taiwan and cannot serve as a solution to cross-strait relations, demonstrating the fact that the mainstream public opinion in Taiwan does not identify with the "one country, two systems" formula. The ROC government cannot accept the Mainland's statements concerning "one country, two systems"

The MAC stresses that the government insists on the greatest common denominator in Taiwan society, which is to maintain the cross-strait status quo of "no unification, no independence, and no use of force" under the ROC Constitution framework. In the future, the government will continue to follow the mainstream public opinion in steadily promoting cross-strait negotiations and exchanges so as to advance cross-strait mutual trust and understanding, and to set a foundation for the future resolution of complex problems.

Over the past six-plus years, the government has been committed to promoting peaceful and stable development of cross-strait relations on the basis of the "1992 Consensus of one China with respective interpretations." This policy direction will not change in the future. The two sides should continue to work for the well-being of the people and develop mutually beneficial and co-prosperous cross-strait relations. By deepening cross-strait exchanges and learning from the Taiwan vision experience, people on both sides of the Strait may jointly share the peace dividends of a prosperous ethnic Chinese society and together work for sustainable peace in the Taiwan Strait.