

Good morning. We have noticed with grave concern the announcement from the Speaker's office that Speaker McCarthy, along with Congresswoman Ashley Hinson and other bipartisan members of Congress, will meet with Tsai Ing-wen at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library on April 5. I am writing to express China's deep concern and firm opposition to this possible move.

I would like to reiterate that the Chinese side strongly opposes any form of official interaction between the US and Taiwan, strongly opposes any visit to the US by the leader of the Taiwan authorities regardless of the rationale or pretext, and strongly opposes all forms of contact of the US officials with the Taiwan authorities, including Speaker McCarthy's meeting with Tsai Ing-wen no matter where the meeting takes place. These above mentioned activities that violate the one-China principle and the three China-US joint communiques, are acts of serious political provocations, which will send out a seriously wrong signal to the "Taiwan independence" separatist forces, seriously undermine the China-U.S. relations and the peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait.

The Chinese side has always committed to the peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait. However, the tension across the Taiwan

Strait is escalating, and the prospect of peace across the Taiwan Strait is seriously threatened. The root cause of the current situation is that the one-China principle has been severely undermined. Tsai Ing-wen's authorities reject the "1992 Consensus" that reflects the one-China principle, advance "Taiwan independence" in a disguised and incremental way, and attempt to seek independence with the support of the U.S. Tsai's trip is not so much a "transit", but an attempt to seek breakthroughs and propagate "Taiwan independence". If the US side truly hopes that the Taiwan Strait remains peaceful and stable, the first and foremost thing for the US to do is to oppose and contain "Taiwan independence" separatist forces, rather than condoning and supporting its leader.

Former Speaker Pelosi's visit to Taiwan last year triggered a serious crisis in the China-U.S relationship, and the lessons should be learned. The strategic community in the US and some members of Congress have reflected on this, believing that the US's provocation to the Chinese side on the Taiwan question and attempts to ditch the one-China policy are not in the US interests. People in Taiwan are also deeply concerned about the situation in the Taiwan Strait, and do not want the peace in the Taiwan Strait to be destroyed by the selfish interests of individual politicians.

During Tsai Ing-wen's "transit" in New York, many people protested against "Taiwan independence" and called for stopping acts of "destroying peace", which fully reflects the will of the people .

The Taiwan question is at the very core of China's core interests. It is fundamental to the political foundation of China-US relations, and the first red line that must not be crossed in this relationship. The Taiwan question concerns China's sovereignty and territorial integrity. It is close to the hearts of the 1.4 billion Chinese people. China has no room for compromise on this issue. We urge the US side to refrain from facilitating a meeting between the US lawmakers and Tsai ing-wen, and stop all forms of official interaction with Taiwan. We urge the US side not to support "Taiwan independence" separatist forces, not to fudge and hollow out the one-China principle, so as to avoid furthering the tension across the Taiwan Strait. I have to point out that China will not sit idly by in the face of a blatant provocation and will most likely take necessary and resolute actions in response to the unwanted situation. Let's work together to prevent such a thing from happening.

I hope you could kindly pass along the above position to Congresswoman Hinson. And I look forward to an opportunity to exchange views with you on a wide range of issues of mutual interest.

Respectfully,

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