NITIJELA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS
42ND CONSTITUTIONAL REGULAR SESSION, 2021

Republic of the Marshall Islands
Jepilpilin Ke Ejukaan

RESOLUTION 52

A RESOLUTION by the People and Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to reiterate our profound appreciation for the staunch support of the People and Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) as a true friend and ally to the Republic of the Marshall Islands and calling on the United Nations to take immediate action to resolve the inappropriate exclusion of Taiwan's 23.5 million people from the United Nations system.

WHEREAS, the people of Taiwan boasts a vibrant democratic society and has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to promoting freedom, democracy, and human rights; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and Republic of China (Taiwan) established full and formal diplomatic relations on the 20th of November, 1998, as two independent and sovereign states committed to the democratic governance of their respective people; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan has done much to foster development in the Republic of the Marshall islands by providing financial assistance; technical expertise; training of human resources; and valuable educational scholarships; and

WHEREAS, 76 years ago, the nations of the world came together to draft a charter that would stand the test of time. The first words of the United Nations Charter, "we the peoples ", send a clear message: put people first. Today, we recognize the enduring importance of the Charter precisely because it was created on the principles of universality and equality and because it upholds fundamental human

rights, respecting the dignity and worth of every individual. Now especially, given the challenges arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, it is imperative that we return to the original spirit of the Charter; and

WHEREAS we stand together today to commemorate the 76th anniversary of the United Nations and pledge to strengthen our commitment to upholding the core principles of the Charter, we must remember that the exclusion of the 23. 5 million people of Taiwan is a breach of the organization's foundational values; and

WHEREAS, to fulfill our commitments to the human family, the United Nations must ensure that 23.5 million people of Taiwan enjoy the same rights as the peoples of our nations. While the world grapples with the COVID-19 pandemic, we must not forget other ongoing global challenges facing humanity. The people of Taiwan must not be left behind, nor should the contributions that can make be ignored; and

WHEREAS, the oft-cited legal basis for excluding Taiwan from the United Nations is Resolution 2758 (XXVI), adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1971. However, this resolution does not address the issue of Taiwan's representation in the United Nations, nor does it state that Taiwan is part of the People's Republic of China. In fact, Taiwan is not, nor has it ever been, part of the PRC. It is regrettable that the United Nations continues to misuse and misinterpret Resolution 2758 to justify Taiwan's wrongful exclusion and isolation, thereby moving us farther away from the goals of this organization; and

WHEREAS, the discriminatory policy of the United Nations breaches Article 100 of the Charter, which stipulates that "in the performance of their duty the Secretary-General and the staff shall not seek or receive instructions from any government or from any other authority external to the Organization." It also violates the fundamental right to receive and impart information, provided for in Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human rights; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Marshall Islands believes that human rights must encompass all rights and include each and every human being. Therefore, the Republic of the Marshall Islands calls on the United Nations to take immediate action to secure unfettered access to United Nations premises for the 23.5 million people of Taiwan currently denied entry; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan has been excluded from INTERPOL for 35 years and lacking timely access to key intelligence shared via I-24/7 Global Police Communication

System and the affiliated database concerning stolen and lost travel documents (SLTD); the Republic of the Marshall Islands stands by Taiwan's Participation in INTERPOL as an observer to share experiences and information in fighting transnational crime. No resolutions or arrangements by INTERPOL should override the aim of strengthening police cooperation and international safety; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Marshall Islands supports Taiwan's appeal in UNFCCC as an observer. Taiwan has assiduously implemented a plan to reduce carbon emissions, cultivated a sound framework for international development assistance, and is ready to share its experience and technology with other countries; the Republic of the Marshall Islands calls on all parties to look beyond political considerations and support Taiwan's professional, pragmatic, and constructive participation in the UNFCCC; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic, having left no corner of the globe untouched, serves as a potent reminder of the interconnectedness of human societies. In the Declaration on the Commemoration of the 76th Anniversary of the United Nations, governments and heads of state recognize this, acknowledging that "only by working together in solidarity can we end the pandemic and effectively tackle its consequences," and thus pledging to make the United Nations more inclusive and to leave no one behind as the world builds back better from the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands is determined to continue its partnership with the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to fulfill its commitments to the Sustainable Development Goals. Since the onset of COVID-19, Taiwan's anti-pandemic response has been exemplary. Not only has Taiwan successfully prevented and controlled the virus, it has also provided financial support as well as medical resources and shared its expertise and experience with the Marshall Islands in the battle against the unprecedented global crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Marshall Islands urges that the United Nations should take immediate action to resolve the inappropriate exclusion of Taiwan's 23.5 million people from the United Nations system, cancel the United Nations' discriminatory policy against Taiwanese passport holders and journalists and ensure that Taiwan has the right to participate in an equal and dignified manner in meetings, mechanisms, and activities related to the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and thus make contributions; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Marshall Islands value our close and effective partnerships and would like to fully express her support with Taiwan and to ensure that these universal values continue to gain ground; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, through their Nitijela in its 42nd Constitutional Regular Session, 2021, that the people and Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands extends its profound appreciation for the consistently staunch support of the People and Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) as a true friend and ally to the Republic of the Marshall Islands individually and in the International Society generally as a reliable partner in the promotion of international peace and prosperity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the United Nations should ensure that Taiwan has the right to participate in an equal and dignified manner in meetings, mechanisms, and activities related to the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and thereby make contributions; and that the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade shall transmit the counterpart original of this Resolution to the Republic of China (Taiwan) Government.

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