NITIJELA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS
45TH CONSTITUTION REGULAR SESSION, 2025

Republic of the Marshall Islands
Jepilpilin Ke Ejukaan

RESOLUTION 44ND1

A RESOLUTION by the People and Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands expressing profound appreciation for the steadfast support of the People and Government of Republic of China (Taiwan) as a genuine friend and ally of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and calling upon the United Nations to take immediate action to rectify the unjust exclusion of Taiwan's 23.42 million people from the United Nations system.

WHEREAS, the people of Taiwan proudly uphold a vibrant democratic society, demonstrating unwavering commitment to promoting democratic values of freedom, rule of law and human rights; and

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

WHEREAS, Taiwan has made significant contributions to the development of the Republic of the Marshall Islands through the provision of financial assistance, technical expertise, capacity-building opportunities and valuable academic scholarships; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 1945, the nations of the world came together to draft a charter that emphasizes the importance of putting people first. The opening words of the United Nations Charter, "We the peoples," underscore the principles of universality and equality, upholding fundamental human rights and the dignity of every individual; and

WHEREAS, as we commemorate the 80th anniversary of the United Nations, we affirm our commitment to the core principles of the Charter, recognizing that the exclusion of Taiwan's 23.42 million people contradicts the organization's foundational values; and

WHEREAS, to fulfill our commitments to humanity, the United Nations must ensure that the people of Taiwan enjoy the same rights as those of other nations. The people of Taiwan must not be left behind, nor should the contributions they can make towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals be ignored; and

WHEREAS, the oft-cited legal basis for excluding Taiwan from the United Nations is Resolution 2758 (XXVI), adopted in 1971, does not address Taiwan's representation in the United Nations, nor does it state that Taiwan is part of the People's Republic of China (PRC). Taiwan has never been part of the PRC. Regrettably, 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 United Nations' discriminatory policy violates Article 100 of the Charter, which mandates 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 infringes upon the fundamental right to receive and impart information as outlined 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 individuals and therefore calls on the United Nations to take immediate action to secure unfettered access for the 23.42 million people of Taiwan to the UN premises; and

WHEREAS, strategically located in the Asia-Pacific region, Taiwan maintains robust air transport connections with countries. Taiwan's 18 airports serve millions of passengers, and 92 airlines offer services to and from Taiwan, operating passenger and cargo flights on 313 routes connecting 149 cities worldwide. Taiwan is an active stakeholder in the international civil aviation community. The Republic of the Marshall Islands supports Taiwan's meaningful participation in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO); and

WHEREAS, Taiwan has been excluded from the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) for 41 years, lacking timely access to critical 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 crimes. 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 calls for Taiwan's participation in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) as an observer. Taiwan enacted the Climate Change Response Act, codifying the 2050 net-zero emissions goal into law. Taiwan continues to demonstrate its commitment to cut emissions. Taiwan is also working closely with the international community toward the common goal of net-zero

emissions and is actively exploring opportunities to contribute its strengths in green and other technologies. With the world facing the threat of climate change and the challenge of supply chain restructuring, Taiwan remains a reliable, secure, and trustworthy partner; 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 highlighted the interconnectedness of humanity, reinforcing the need for solidarity in addressing global challenges. The Republic of the Marshall Islands fully supports Taiwan's inclusion in the World Health Organization (WHO), acknowledging its exemplary role in pandemic response and health initiatives; 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 commitments outlined in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Being a willing and able partner, Taiwan has contributed significantly towards the RMI's efforts to achieve clean energy, food security, food safety, sustainable agriculture, better education, health and well being for all age groups, and disaster reduction and adaptation; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Marshall Islands urges that the United Nations take immediate action to end the unjust exclusion of Taiwan's 23.42 million people, cease discriminatory policies against Taiwanese passport holders and journalists, and ensure Taiwan's right to participate fully and equally in UN mechanisms related to the United Nationals Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); an

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Marshall Islands values its close ties with Taiwan and will continue to support Taiwan's quest for meaningful participation in the United Nations and related mechanisms to uphold the universal values of equality and inclusivity; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the People of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, through their Nitijela in its 46th Constitutional Regular Session, 2025, that we extend our profound appreciation for the steadfast support of the People of and Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) as a genuine friend and ally of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and a reliable partner in the promotion of international peace and prosperity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the United Nations must ensure that Taiwan's right to participate fully and equitably in meetings, mechanisms, and activities related to the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), thereby enabling meaningful contributions.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify:

1. That Nitijela Resolution No: 44ND1 was passed by the Nitijela of the Republic of the Marshall Islands on the 4th day of March 2025; and

2. That I am satisfied that Nitijela Resolution No: 44ND1 was passed in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Rules of Procedures of the Nitijela.

I hereby place my signature before the Clerk this 10th day of March 2025.

Brenson S. Wase
Speaker
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands

Attest:

Morean S. Watak
Clerk
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands