

## Joint Statement of Overseas Community Organizations in Southern California supporting Taiwan's Participation in the United Nations



The 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly is scheduled to convene at the UN Headquarters in New York on September 15, 2020. The theme for this year's General Debate will be *"The future we want, the United Nations we need: reaffirming our collective commitment to multilateralism—confronting COVID-19 through effective multilateral action"*. Given the fact that Taiwan's performance in containing the pandemic has been widely recognized by the international community, in order to create a brighter, more inclusive, and more sustainable postpandemic era for human beings, Overseas Community Organizations in Southern California solemnly raise the following three appeals:

- 1) The United Nations should take immediate action to resolve the inappropriate exclusion of Taiwan's 23.5 million people from the UN system.
- 2) The United Nations' discriminatory policy against Taiwanese passport holders and journalists violates their fundamental human rights and should be rectified immediately.
- 3) 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 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and thereby make contributions.

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