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World Taiwanese Chambers of Commerce 《Support Taiwan' s Participation in the World Health Organization (WHO) Meetings, Mechanisms and Events》

The World Health Organisation (WHO)' s constitution states that 'health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being, without distinction of... political belief... or social condition.' We call on the WHO to resist political pressure and address the issue of Taiwan' s exclusion at once.

The coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) is now a global crisis, requiring global solutions. It will take unprecedented international cooperation to overcome this challenge. At this critical juncture, Taiwan' s success in fighting the pandemic is clear - and Taiwan is more than willing to share its knowledge. Many countries have since declared their support for Taiwan' s efforts to participate in WHO meetings, activities and information-sharing. We cannot afford to neglect Taiwan' s experiences if we are to find a solution to the pandemic.

Every country wants to keep its people safe and healthy. As the WHO affirms, health is a human right. Yet by pursuing its self-interest, China' s actions threaten our collective ability to overcome COVID-19. There is no humanity in leaving each nation to its own fate. As the leader in its field, the WHO must uphold its core commitments, abide by professionalism and neutrality, and allow all stakeholders to participate - including Taiwan.

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