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Hello,

I'm writing on behalf of the Republic of Somaliland's Mission to the United States to provide an update on Somaliland's engagement with Taiwan and ongoing efforts to [reject China's influence](#) in the region.

Somaliland officials recently [attended](#) the Taiwan Inspiration Association's symposium on Somaliland-Taiwan relations. One panel entitled "China's Bad Governance Model for Africa — Alternative Visions" highlighted the Taiwan-Somaliland partnership as a successful example of engagement and cooperation in Africa. During the session, Taiwan's Representative to Somaliland Allen Lou [contrasted](#) the Somaliland-Taiwan partnership with China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), stating that the relationship is defined by shared interests, focused on partnership within the agriculture, healthcare, higher education, information, and communication technology sectors.



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I appreciate the Taiwan Inspiration Association (TIA) for hosting an insightful symposium on Somaliland-Taiwan Relations, showcasing a promising alternative model for Africa.



The event was attended by current and former government officials and private sector experts from Somaliland, Taiwan, and the United States, including representatives from the Congressional-Executive Commission on China, Atlantic Council, Hudson Institute, and American Enterprise Institute.

Somaliland's National Electoral Commission's (NEC) also visited Taipei earlier this year to learn more about Taiwan's electoral system and operations in advance of Somaliland's presidential and party elections which will be held this November.

Please don't hesitate to reach out should you have any questions about the Somaliland-Taiwan relationship.

Best regards,

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