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## DPP Welcomes U.S. Support, while KMT and TPP Walk Out on Taiwan's UN Resolution 2758 Motion

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The Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) greatly welcomes and appreciates U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Kurt Campbell's testimony reaffirming U.S. commitments to Taiwan and clarifying the misinterpretation of UN Resolution 2758. Campbell emphasized that China has long misused Resolution 2758 to delegitimize Taiwan's status, further stating that the U.S. stands by its commitments to Taiwan, including the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances, which have supported peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait for decades. Unfortunately, in contrast to the international support, Taiwan's Kuomintang (KMT) and Taiwan People's Party (TPP) refused to discuss the issue, walking out of the Legislative Yuan session where the DPP had proposed a motion to counter China's distortion of the resolution.

### ■ DPP's Motion and KMT's Obstruction

On September 18th, DPP Caucus Whip Wu Szu-yao (吳思瑤) introduced a motion during cross-party negotiations, calling on the legislature to issue a unified statement rejecting the People's Republic of China (PRC)'s manipulation of UN Resolution 2758. The motion sought to

clarify that the resolution, passed in 1971, does not address Taiwan's sovereignty or political status.

Despite the increasing urgency surrounding the issue, Legislative Yuan President Han Kuo-yu ( 韓 國 瑜 ) and key figures of the Kuomintang (KMT) and Taiwan People's Party (TPP) left the chamber without engaging in any discussion. Their refusal to even debate the proposal not only undermines Taiwan's efforts on the global stage but also casts doubt on their commitment to defending the rights and international standing of Taiwan's 23 million people.

Following the walkout, KMT caucus secretary-general Lin Szu-ming ( 林 思 銘 ) accused the DPP of using the issue to discredit the opposition. He further stated that the KMT plans to propose a separate motion advocating for Taiwan's return to the UN under the name "Republic of China," arguing that the DPP's proposal could escalate tensions with Beijing.

## ■ DPP's Rebuttal to KMT's Position

The DPP rejects the KMT's response as a disingenuous attempt to play the "nomenclature game" for political gain. In fact, the PRC has been increasingly blocking Taiwan's participation in international organizations by using the "Republic of China" or "Taiwan" to argue that the PRC already represents all of China, including Taiwan.

Our approach is focused on pragmatism. Taiwan, regardless of its name, must push back on the PRC's attempt to isolate Taiwan from the international community by clarifying that UN Resolution 2758 does not address Taiwan's status. This distinction allows the world to better understand Taiwan's situation and counter the PRC's attempts to manipulate the resolution.

Rather than playing the "name game," the DPP is committed to ensuring Taiwan's rightful place in the global community. The KMT's approach only serves to appease Beijing, which, we all know, would never agree to the Republic of China's return to the UN, effectively falling into the trap the PRC has set for years. This shows that the KMT is acting in Beijing's interests, not Taiwan's future. The DPP's strategy emphasizes Taiwan's distinct political and democratic status, offering a clearer path forward for international recognition and participation.

## ■ IPAC and Global Support for Taiwan

The DPP's motion reflects a profound commitment to correcting these falsehoods and protecting Taiwan's rightful place in the international community. Earlier this year, the Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China (IPAC) passed a resolution at its annual summit in Taipei, directly countering the PRC's distortion of UN Resolution 2758. Taiwan was honored to become an official member of IPAC, an international coalition of lawmakers, with DPP legislator Fan Yun (范雲) serving as co-chair. By contrast, KMT lawmakers declined to participate in the IPAC activities despite an open invitation. The resolution passed by IPAC urged member countries to reject the PRC's claims and push similar motions in their own legislatures. Since then, both Australia and the Netherlands have passed resolutions in support of Taiwan's inclusion in global institutions.

IPAC's Model Resolution on 2758 is clear; Resolution 2758:

- Does not mention Taiwan.
- Does not address the political status of Taiwan.
- Does not establish PRC sovereignty over Taiwan.
- Is silent both on the status of Taiwan in the United Nations, and on Taiwanese participation in UN agencies.

While many democratic nations are taking steps to support Taiwan, the actions of the KMT and TPP send a troubling message. Their walk out, and Legislative Yuan President Han Kuo-yu's refusal to even address the motion, reflect a stark unwillingness to stand up for Taiwan's international rights at a time when global momentum is building in Taiwan's favor.

## ■ DPP's Commitment to Taiwan's Global Standing

The DPP's motion is a critical step in aligning Taiwan with the growing coalition of democracies that are standing up to the PRC's disinformation campaign. The misinterpretation of UN Resolution 2758 has long been a barrier to Taiwan's participation in international organizations. By pushing for a unified stance, the DPP is working to ensure Taiwan's voice is heard and its rights are protected.

We call on the international community, particularly democratic allies like the United States, to continue supporting Taiwan in challenging

the PRC's misrepresentation of UN Resolution 2758. As Taiwan faces increasing threats, defending its international rights is not just a matter of fairness—it is crucial for maintaining peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

Taiwan belongs in the global community. Now, more than ever, international solidarity is vital in supporting Taiwan's rightful participation on the world stage.

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