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**Taiwan: Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the
European Union**

1. The European Union reiterates its policy of One China. It does not support Taiwan membership in international organizations which require statehood.
2. The European Union welcomes the efforts undertaken by both sides in improving cross straits relations, especially agreements on air transport and tourism. It commends the willingness of both sides to continue and widen in the coming months these discussions, which contribute to reinforce stability and security in East Asia.

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3. The European Union takes note that the Taiwanese authorities have adopted a new approach, in promoting the "meaningful participation" of Taiwan in international activities. It reiterates its support to Taiwan's participation in specialized multilateral fora, especially where Taiwan's participation is important to the EU and global interests, and it encourages both sides to solve this issue through dialogue.
4. The European Union especially hopes that concrete steps could be taken, through dialogue between both sides, in order to enable the meaningful participation of the people in Taiwan in the implementation of the International Health Regulations.

The Candidate Countries Turkey, Croatia* and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, and the EFTA countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and Armenia, align themselves with this declaration.

* Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.