

For the past several decades, because of China's relentless pressure and intimidation, Taiwan has become an international orphan without any representation in the United Nations.

The people of Taiwan have a dream -- that someday soon their free and democratic country will be accepted as a full and equal member of the international community.

In his Second Inaugural address in 2004, President Bush stated: *"So it is the policy of the United States to seek and support the growth of democratic movements and institutions in every nation and culture..."* and *"The moral choice is between oppression, which is always wrong, and freedom, which is eternally right."*

In his State of the Union Address on January 28th 2008, President Bush stated: *"Our foreign policy is based on a clear premise: We trust that people, when given the chance, will choose a future of freedom and peace."*

As leaders of Taiwanese-American organizations, we ask the United States Administration and Congress to stand up for the principles of human rights and self-determination.

WE URGE the United States government to support Taiwan's full membership in international organizations, including the United Nations and the World Health Organization.

To defend their hard-fought liberty and sovereignty, and through the most basic exercise of a true democracy, Taiwan plans to hold a referendum in March on Taiwan's membership in the United Nations in her own name.

WE URGE President Bush to "trust the people of Taiwan to choose a future of freedom and peace," by supporting Taiwan's upcoming democratic referendum.

THERE CAN BE NO DOUBLE STANDARD WHEN IT COMES TO SUPPORTING DEMOCRACY

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