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## U.S. REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR TAIWAN'S INCLUSION INTO THE UNITED NATIONS

Coinciding with the opening of the annual meeting of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, several Members of Congress issued statements in support of inclusion of Taiwan in the United Nations. Reps. Edolphus Towns (D-NY), Peter King (R-NY), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Steve Chabot (R-OH) and Tom Tancredo (R-CO) wrote letters which were read to Taiwanese Americans that rallied on Dag Hammarskjold Plaza today in front of the United Nations building in New York

Rep. Chabot states: "As the United Nations General Assembly convenes for its 59th session this week, I want to remind the international community that Taiwan -- a free and open democratic society and a leading trade partner of the U.S. -- is still being denied membership to that world body. It is time for the U.N. to readmit Taiwan."

Rep. Brown writes: "By large margins, both Houses of the United States Congress have endorsed Taiwan's participation in the United Nations. Taiwan, a country seeking peace and stability in its region, deserves the right to membership in the United Nations."

Rep. Tancredo states: "Denying Taiwan U.N. membership is not in the best interests of the world community. Taiwan's membership in the UN will have enormous benefits for the international community and it is imperative that this unfair and untenable situation be resolved."

Rep. Towns states: "The people of Taiwan have demonstrated that they are responsible citizens of the world. They deserve a voice at the U.N."

Rep. King says: "For the 33rd consecutive year, the U.N. convenes its annual General Assembly without the membership of Taiwan and once again its 23 million citizens will be denied a voice in vitally important global matters. Although Taiwan has long been a significant player in world affairs with a GNP and population larger than three quarters of U.N. member countries, it has repeatedly been denied membership."

FAPA President Ming-chi Wu, Ph.D. says: "It is high time that the international community stand up against the people's Republic of China by forming a coalition of the willing - a willingness to look China in the eye and tell them that the 23 million people of Taiwan can no longer be excluded from international organizations."

Wu concludes: "In the meantime, we would also like to see Taipei to work harder on getting Taiwan into the international community. Instead of expecting the United States to do all the heavy lifting, Taipei should work with other countries around the world as well - thus enhancing the chances for Taiwan to join the UN."

## 美國國會議員發表聲明支持台灣參與聯合國

恰逢聯合國大會於紐約召開的首日，數位美國眾議員特地致函台灣人公共事務會，請其轉交給於 Dag Hammarskjold 廣場前舉行造勢活動的台美人等社團，表達他們對於台灣爭取參與聯合國的支持。這幾位眾議員分別為湯斯(Edolphus Towns, D-NY)、金恩(Peter King, R-NY)、布朗(Sherrod Brown, D-OH)、夏波(Steve Chabot, R-OH)與唐克多(Tom Tancredo, R-CO)。

夏波議員在聲明裡表示：「當聯合國總會於這個星期召開第五十九屆大會時，我想要在這裡提醒國際社會，台灣－這個自由、開放、民主的社會，而且是美國主要的貿易夥伴，仍然被拒絕成爲這個世界組織（聯合國）的會員。現在是聯合國讓台灣重新入會的時機。」

布朗議員則表示：「不管是眾議院或是參議院，絕大多數都支持台灣參與聯合國。台灣是一個尋求區域和平與穩定的國家，它有權利獲得聯合國會員籍。」

唐克多議員表示：「拒絕給予台灣聯合國會員籍，並不符合國際社會的最佳利益。台灣如獲得聯合國會員籍，將替國際社會帶來無比的利益；解決這個不公平而且站不住腳的情況是當務之急。」

湯斯議員表示：「台灣人民已經展現出他們是一群負責任的世界公民。他們有權利在聯合國發聲。」

金恩議員則在聲明中表示：「連續三十三年來，每年聯合國都在台灣缺席的情況下召開大會；二千三百萬台灣人民的聲音將再一次地被否絕在極度重要的國際事務當中。雖然台灣長期以來是參與國際事務的重要成員，加上其國民所得以及人口總數遠遠超過聯合國四分之三的會員國，台灣申請成爲聯合國會員一員卻一再被拒。」

FAPA 會長吳明基表示：「現在是國際社會站起來向中國抗議，並組成一國際陣線的最佳時機－這個國際陣線將看著中國，告訴他們台灣二千三百萬人民不能再被拒絕在國際組織之外。」吳明基接著表示：「我們也要藉機向台北建言，希望台北能夠更努力打進國際社會，而不是單單指望美國來替台灣單打獨鬥。只有『多管齊下』，聯合世界各國支持台灣，才是最佳之途。」