

# TAIWAN- SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY-WRITTEN STATEMENT

## Summit Pillar: Addressing and Fighting Corruption

Theme: Anti-Corruption & Fiscal Transparency:

### *National Commitments*

- Publish a second National Report on voluntary adherence to the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) in 2022.
- Actively support passage of the Whistleblower Protection Act by the Legislative Yuan.
- Promote adoption and awareness of the Government Procurement Integrity Platform for managing large public procurements.

### *Regional & International Commitments*

- Actively host or participate in APEC Anti-Corruption and Transparency Experts Working Group workshops and meetings.
- Fulfill May 2021 commitment to provide U.S. \$400,000 to the Global Anti-Corruption Consortium through Transparency International for global advocacy campaigns.
- Facilitated investment screening best practices exchange in 2021 with European nations and the United States.
- Keep exploring the opportunity to conclude additional bilateral anti-corruption agreements with Taiwan's diplomatic partners and other like-minded countries.

Theme: Open Government:

### *National Commitments*

- Implement Taiwan's first Open Government National Action Plan and first Open Parliament Action Plan.
- Incorporate open government concepts into civic education curriculum for public schools.
- Institute trustee disclosure requirements for private charitable foundations and trusts.

### *Regional & International Commitments*

- Host 2021 Open Parliament Forum in Taipei in December 2021 in coordination with the National Democratic Institute.
- Organize an international expert review of Taiwan's open government action plans.
- While seeking a formal association, continue participating in Open Government Partnership activities and dialogues.

- Taiwan, in partnership with the United States, under the “U.S.-Taiwan Consultations on Democratic Governance in the Indo-Pacific Region” will continue to address anti-corruption, promote good governance and transparency, combat disinformation, defend against authoritarianism, and enhance gender equality in the Indo-Pacific Region.

## Summit Pillar: Defending Against Authoritarianism

Theme: Civic Participation and Democratic Institutions:

### *National Commitments*

- Implement the Citizen Judges Act to facilitate citizen participation and promote public confidence in the judiciary.
- Establish platform for electronic joint signatures for referendum petitions to facilitate public participation.
- Expand political donation disclosure regulations to include relevant transactions by related parties.

### *Regional & International Commitments*

- Taiwan continues to foster a more open and enabling environment for international civil society organizations to act as a regional hub for international civil society.
- TFD continues hosting the annual East Asia Democracy Forum (EADF) to demonstrate Taiwan's role as a regional hub for international civil society organizations and activists to build capacity, foster support networks, and temporarily shelter and recuperate.
- Continue Taiwan's participation in the Civil Society Pillar of the Community of Democracies in hope of securing broader participation.
- TFD continues to support and encourage democracy and human rights advocates in the Indo-Pacific region with the annual Asia Democracy and Human Rights Award.
- Host the Assembly of the World Movement for Democracy in Taipei in 2022.
- TFD continues to serve as coordinator for the Working Group on China's Influence on Democracies in the Coalition for Democratic Renewal under Forum 2000.

Theme: Countering Disinformation:

### *National Commitments*

- Implement the annual national action plan for media literacy education in public school curricula.
- Continue the implementation of the Anti-Infiltration Law.
- Continue the implementation of Executive Yuan disinformation response strategy published in December 2018.
- Prevent the use of criminal libel and slander provisions to threaten or retaliate against journalists.

### *Regional & International Commitments*

- Support development and launch of regional guidelines on strengthening civil society resilience to disinformation.
- Host countering propaganda and disinformation forum for Indo-Pacific practitioners.
- Continue to organize the Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF) events with U.S., Japan and other like-minded countries to help regional countries with capacity building in issue areas of anti-corruption, combating disinformation, and women's empowerment
- Endorse the Freedom Online Coalition founding declaration of joint action for free expression on the internet
- Strive to attract more foreign media outlets to base more correspondents in Taiwan and assist with relocation.
- Support the reforms to UN ECOSOC NGO Committee accreditation through collective actions from like-minded countries to defend the values and inclusive participation of civil society organizations advocating for freedom and human rights protection in UN meetings.
- Support Lithuania to fight against hybrid threats of economic coercion, disinformation, and an orchestrated migrant influx from third countries in the wake of Lithuania's decision to allow Taiwan to open a Representative Office in Vilnius, including by forming a democratic supply chain.
- Pledged financial support to the International Fund for Public Interest Media.

Theme: International Religious Freedom:

### *National Commitments*

- Promote employer awareness and use of subsidized respite care services to allow foreign domestic caregivers to take days off, including to attend religious services.
- Ensure new financial disclosure requirements for religious groups designed to prevent foreign malign influence do not impede on the freedoms of association or belief.

### *Regional & International Commitments*

- Host a second iteration of the "Civil Society Dialogue on Securing Religious Freedom in the Indo-Pacific."
- Conduct cultural exchanges on the religious practices of Tibetan Buddhists through the Ministry of Culture.

- Continued support for Taiwan's first Ambassador at Large for Religious Freedom Pusin Tali including participating in the Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom and Belief.
- Fulfill Taiwan's 2019 pledge to contribute \$1,000,000 to the U.S.-administered International Religious Freedom Fund (IRReFF) over five years.

## Summit Pillar: Advancing Human Rights

Theme: Overarching Human Rights:

### *National Commitments*

- Invite and organize an international independent expert review of Taiwan's third national report on implementation of the ICCPR and ICESCR in 2021.
- Complete Taiwan's first National Human Rights Actions Plan.
- Pass legislation granting implementing authorities to the newly established National Human Rights Commission.

### *Regional & International Commitments*

- Support and encourage the establishment of national human rights institutions in line with the Paris Principles by democratic societies in the Indo-Pacific.
- Aim to incorporate provisions of the UN Convention Against Torture into domestic law.
- Invite and organize an international independent expert review of Taiwan's Fourth national report on implementation of CEDAW.

Theme: Gender, Disability, Race:

### *National Commitments*

- Invite and organize international independent expert review of Taiwan's second national report on implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2021.
- Pursuant to the Indigenous Languages Development Act, allocate additional funds to the Foundation for the Research and Development of Indigenous Languages established in February 2020 to promote the sustainable development of indigenous languages.
- Pursue legislative or regulatory changes to address barriers for LGBTQI+ persons to marriage, adoption, and health services.
- Require disclosure of gender ratios of decision-making personnel by committees under Executive Yuan ministries and commissions, state-owned enterprises and government-endowed foundations.
- Expand direct participation by immigrants in grant making and governance of the New Residents Development Fund.

### *Regional & International Commitments*

- Build capacity and foster networks of Indo-Pacific LGBTQI+ persons and women through the Global Cooperation and Training Framework, and the EU-Taiwan Gender Equality Cooperation and Training Framework.
- Foster networks between indigenous peoples and strengthen their capacity through the \$26 million commitment to the Austronesian Forum six-year plan (2020-2025).
- Cultivate regional networks of women leaders and rights advocates with public funding through women's rights-related foundations.
- Pledged \$350,000 in August 2020 to co-finance DFC lending to support women's entrepreneurship and advance gender-smart investments in developing world.

Theme: Business & Human Rights and Labor Rights:

### *National Commitments*

- Implement Taiwan's Business & Human Rights National Action Plan, announced in December 2020.
- Reduce incidence of forced labor in the fishing sector, including in the Taiwan-flagged distant waters fleet.
- Simplify labor union registration procedures and promote unionization by workers at publicly listed companies.
- Conduct a feasibility study on banning the import or public procurement of goods produced with child or forced labor.

### *Regional & International Commitments*

- Study inclusion of human rights principles in outbound investment screening by Taiwan businesses.
- Commit to include labor, human rights, and environmental standards in future trade agreements.