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時至今日，世界衛生組織仍因排除臺灣2,350萬人參與全球衛生安全體系而未能落實其全球願景。臺灣因為無法即時獲得武漢肺炎(COVID-19)相關重要資訊，必須加倍努力，防範全球衛生體系出現缺口。多虧了迅速反應和超前部署，目前臺灣每百萬人口染疫及死亡人數之低，表現是全球排名最好的國家之列。

秉持著「臺灣可以幫忙，而且臺灣正在幫忙」的精神，台灣政府提供了全球80多國、數百萬計的個人防護裝備。

過去，臺灣曾連續8年以觀察員身分參與世界衛生大會，對全球衛生網絡作出積極且務實的貢獻，但受到政治因素而停止參與世衛大會，這對臺灣及世界相當不公平。世界衛生組織身為醫衛機構，必須為全球衛生及安全負責。不應該遺漏任何一人。

總結來說，武漢肺炎已成為全球流行疫病，超越政治及地理疆界。世界衛生組織容許政治考量凌駕全球衛生的作法已損及了自身名聲。武漢肺炎疫情提醒世人，唯有納入臺灣，才能完全實現全球合作及世界衛生組織憲章的內涵。馬國政府表達堅定且明確的立場：世界衛生大會必須討論邀請臺灣以觀察員身分，完整地參與世界衛生組織和世界衛生大會的會議、機制及

活動。

Until today, WHO has yet realized its global vision when it excludes Taiwan's 23.5 million people from participating in the global health security system. Without timely access to critical information about COVID-19, Taiwan must work extraordinarily hard to prevent a gap in the global health system. Thanks to a rapid response and advance preparedness, Taiwan's per million cases and deaths are one of the lowest in the world today.

With the spirit of "Taiwan Can Help, and Taiwan Is Helping", Taiwan government has provided millions of PPEs to more than 80 countries in the world, including my country

Taiwan previously attended the WHA as an observer for eight years in a row. It made proactive and pragmatic contributions to the global health network. This was brought to a halt for political reasons, which is unfair to Taiwan and to the rest of the world. WHO as a medical institution is responsible for the health and safety of the global society. No one must be left behind.

In conclusion, COVID-19 is now a global pandemic, transcending political and geographic boundaries. Prioritizing political considerations over global health has tarnished WHO's reputation.

The COVID-19 outbreak is a reminder to all of us that only by including Taiwan, it will be possible to fully realize the partnership and the intent of the WHO constitution. The position of my government is firm and unequivocal: The World Health Assembly must discuss inviting Taiwan to be fully included in the WHO and WHA as an observer and into WHO meetings, mechanisms, and activities.