

Taiwan expands economic sanctions against Russia over Ukraine invasion

Taiwan banned the export of 57 strategic high-tech goods to Russia, April 6, as the country continues to take an active role in the global sanctions regime targeted at Russia following its invasion of Ukraine, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) announced.



The ban, which comes into force immediately, targets dual-use products that can be used in the manufacture of weapons, including integrated circuit parts, memory chips, and telecommunications equipment, MOFA said.

President Tsai Ing-wen further spoke out against atrocities being committed against civilians in Ukraine, April 7, stating that Taiwan stands with the democratic world in demanding an end to violence against non-combatants in the country. The president also stated that those responsible must be brought to justice under international law.

1st-ever Swedish, European Parliament delegation to visit Taiwan

A Swedish/European parliamentary delegation will for the first time visit Taiwan next week to show support for the country and its people, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) announced, April 10.

The 12-member-delegation will visit Taiwan from April 10 to 14 and will be led by Swedish parliamentarian Boriana Aberg, chair of the Swedish-Taiwanese Parliamentarian Association, and Member of the European Parliament Charlie Weimers, rapporteur of the European Parliament's report on EU-Taiwan political relations and cooperation.

During their stay in Taiwan, the delegation will meet with President Tsai Ing-wen, Premier Su Tseng-chang, Legislative Yuan President You Si-kun, Foreign Minister Joseph Wu and other senior government officials.

Welcoming the visit, MOFA described Taiwan, Sweden and the EU as like-minded partners, and stressed that the government will continue to deepen the friendship and expand exchanges between both sides.

MOFA thanks Italian Chamber of Deputies' Foreign Affairs Committee for supporting Taiwan

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) announced the sincere appreciation of the government and people, April 7, for a resolution adopted by the Foreign Affairs Committee (FAC) of the Italian Chamber of Deputies in support of Taiwan.

The resolution, which was passed by a unanimous vote, calls on the Italian government to attach greater importance to cross-strait and regional peace and stability in the face of authoritarian expansion.

The show of support comes shortly after a separate motion approved by the Italian Chamber of Deputies in March, which urged the government to work with other EU and NATO members to review its Indo-Pacific strategy.

Responding to the FAC's adoption of the resolution, MOFA noted the shared values held by Taiwan and Italy, and the existing close bilateral cooperation. The ministry also committed to further expanding exchanges with the Southern European state while contributing to the peace, stability and prosperity of the Indo-Pacific.

TRO and Deputy Minister Hsu host Overseas Community Working Dinner

The Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium (TRO) hosted a Taiwanese Overseas Community working dinner, April 7, along with Deputy Minister of Overseas Community Affairs Council Chia-Ching Hsu. Ambassador Ming-Yen Tsai, Deputy Minister Hsu and Council Member Shan-Lin Lai all acted as keynote speakers for the event, sharing their viewpoints with the attendees on issues including the strategies for promoting the Taiwan Center for Mandarin Learning; Taiwan's current COVID-19 pandemic restrictions; and overseas business projects.



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