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Dear Executive Secretary Stiell,

Subject: Supporting Taiwan's professional, pragmatic and constructive participation in the UNFCCC, the Paris Agreement and associated mechanisms

We, co-chairs and members of the Formosa Club, wish to express our strong support for Taiwan's inclusion in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Paris Agreement and associated mechanisms. We urge the UNFCCC to value Taiwan's contribution to global sustainability.

As a responsible member of the international community, Taiwan has launched a series of actions this year to combat climate change:

- 1. Enacting the Climate Change Response Act:** President Tsai Ing-wen announced the amendment and renaming of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction and Management Act, which became the Climate Change Response Act on 15 February of this year, making Taiwan the 18th country in the world to codify the 2050 net-zero emissions goal into law. This not only strengthens the foundation of Taiwan's climate legislation, but also demonstrates Taiwan's commitment to addressing global climate change and fulfilling its joint responsibility to protect the planet.
- 2. Enhancing Climate governance capacity:** In response to international net-zero emissions trends and environmental changes worldwide, Taiwan has accelerated its efforts to enhance government capacity. On 22 August 2023, the Environmental Protection Administration was restructured, becoming the Ministry of Environment. The Climate Change Administration and the Resource Circulation Administration were also established to integrate the handling of environmental issues. This restructuring aims to more effectively promote policies related to the green transition and sustainable development.

3. **Establishing the Taiwan Carbon Solution Exchange:** Taiwan officially established the Taiwan Carbon Solution Exchange on 7 August of this year, joining the ranks of countries with carbon trading platforms. Through the trading and circulation of carbon credits in the market, this initiative aims to create incentives for businesses to reduce their carbon emissions. It assists industries in meeting international supply chain requirements and carbon reduction targets, accelerating the transition to net-zero emissions. It also encourages the development of low-carbon technologies and talent cultivation, creating a virtuous cycle for the green economy overall.


To bolster international cooperation on climate mitigation and adaptation, Taiwan is working with the international community towards a net-zero world:

1. **Bolstering cooperation on climate adaptation with island nations:** On 19 July 2023, Taiwan hosted the first Pacific Climate Change Forum in Taipei, inviting representatives from Pacific island nations and like-minded countries to discuss climate adaptation issues. At the forum, Taiwan signed the first Joint Statement on Combating Climate Change with the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, and Tuvalu. Taiwan also plans to establish a just transition fund with these four countries to strengthen cooperation on climate adaptation with island nations.
2. **Aligning with international climate governance:** In response to the European Union's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) and supply-chain decarbonization trends, Taiwan has accelerated efforts to implement carbon pricing and carbon inventory mechanisms. Moreover, as an important link in the global supply chain, Taiwan has incorporated environmental issues into negotiations with the United States under the Taiwan-US Initiative on 21st-Century Trade and with the United Kingdom for the Enhanced Trade Partnership. This will ensure that Taiwan and like-minded partners continue to further promote international trade and contribute to global environmental sustainability, thereby aligning with international climate governance.

As the UNFCCC COP28 is scheduled to take place from 30 November to 12 December in Dubai, we urge you, without further delay, to invite Taiwan to participate in the UNFCCC as an observer and regularise Taiwan's participation in all UNFCCC meetings, the Paris Agreement, and associated mechanisms. Your prompt response to the issues raised in this letter would be highly appreciated. In the meantime, please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,


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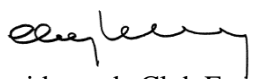

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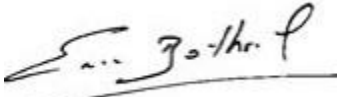

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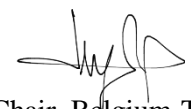

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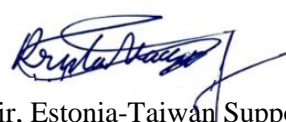

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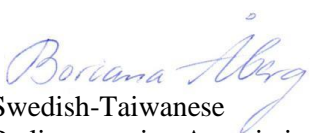

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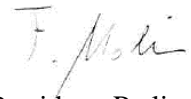

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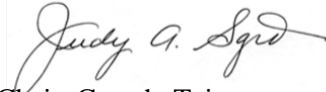

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