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To direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain membership status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOODEN of Texas (for himself, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. OGLES, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. BABIN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. SESSIONS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Taiwan Interpol En-
5 dorsement and Inclusion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PARTICIPATION OF TAIWAN IN THE INTER-**
2 **NATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZA-**
3 **TION.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
5 ings:

6 (1) Taiwan is an important contributor to peace
7 and stability around the world.

8 (2) The Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 (Public
9 Law 96–8) states that it is the policy of the United
10 States “to preserve and promote extensive, close,
11 and friendly commercial, cultural, and other rela-
12 tions between the people of the United States and
13 the people of Taiwan”.

14 (3) The United States, in the 1994 Taiwan Pol-
15 icy Review, declared its intention to support Tai-
16 wan’s participation in appropriate international or-
17 ganizations and has consistently reiterated that sup-
18 port.

19 (4) Following the enactment of Public Law
20 108–235, a law authorizing the Secretary of State to
21 initiate and implement a plan to endorse and obtain
22 observer status for Taiwan at the annual summit of
23 the World Health Assembly and subsequent advoca-
24 cy by the United States, Taiwan was granted ob-
25 server status to the World Health Assembly between
26 2009-2016 under the name “Chinese Taipei”. Both

1 prior to and in its capacity as an observer, Taiwan
2 contributed significantly to the international commu-
3 nity's collective efforts in pandemic control, moni-
4 toring, early warning, and other related matters.
5 Since 2016, the World Health Assembly has rejected
6 any bids for Taiwan's inclusion as an observer.

7 (5) Safety, security, and peace is important to
8 every citizen of the world, and shared information
9 ensuring wide assistance among police authorities of
10 nations for expeditious dissemination of information
11 regarding criminal activities greatly assists in these
12 efforts.

13 (6) Direct and unobstructed participation in the
14 International Criminal Police Organization
15 (Interpol) is beneficial for all nations and their po-
16 lice authorities. Internationally shared information
17 with authorized police authorities are vital to peace-
18 keeping efforts.

19 (7) With a history dating back to 1914, the role
20 of Interpol is defined in its constitution: "To ensure
21 and promote the widest possible mutual assistance
22 between all criminal police authorities within the
23 limits of the laws existing in the different countries
24 and in the spirit of the Universal Declaration of
25 Human Rights."

1 (8) Ongoing international threats, including
2 international networks of terrorism, show the ongoing
3 necessity to be ever inclusive of nations willing
4 to work together to combat criminal activity. The
5 ability of police authorities to coordinate, preempt,
6 and act swiftly and in unison is an essential element
7 of crisis prevention and response.

8 (9) Taiwan maintained full membership in
9 Interpol starting in 1964 through its National Police
10 Administration but was ejected in 1984 when the
11 People's Republic of China (PRC) applied for membership.
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13 (10) Nonmembership in Interpol prevents Taiwan
14 from gaining access to Interpol's I-24/7 global
15 police communications system, which provides real-
16 time information on criminals and global criminal
17 activities. Taiwan is relegated to second-hand information
18 from friendly nations, including the United
19 States.

20 (11) Taiwan is unable to swiftly share information
21 on criminals and suspicious activity with the
22 international community, leaving a huge void in the
23 global crime-fighting efforts and leaving the entire
24 world at risk.

1 (12) Interpol’s constitution allows for observers
2 at its meetings by “police bodies which are not mem-
3 bers of the Organization”.

4 (b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It should be the policy
5 of the United States—

6 (1) to advocate, as appropriate—

7 (A) for Taiwan’s membership in all inter-
8 national organizations, including Interpol, and
9 in which the United States is also a participant;
10 and

11 (B) for Taiwan to be granted full member-
12 ship status in other appropriate international
13 organizations;

14 (2) to instruct, as appropriate, representatives
15 of the United States Government in all organizations
16 described in paragraph (1) to use the voice, vote,
17 and influence of the United States to advocate for
18 Taiwan’s membership or observer status in such or-
19 ganizations; and

20 (3) for the President or the President’s des-
21 ignees to advocate, as appropriate, for Taiwan’s
22 membership or observer status in all organizations
23 described in paragraph (1) as part of any relevant
24 bilateral engagements between the United States
25 and the People’s Republic of China, including leader

1 summits and the U.S.-China Comprehensive Eco-
2 nomic Dialogue.

3 (c) TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION IN INTERPOL.—The
4 Secretary of State shall—

5 (1) develop a strategy to—

6 (A) obtain membership status for Taiwan
7 in Interpol and at other related meetings, ac-
8 tivities, and mechanisms thereafter;

9 (B) encourage meaningful interaction, in-
10 cluding information sharing, with U.S. National
11 Central Bureau (Interpol Washington) and Tai-
12 wan on issues related to global crime fighting;

13 (C) involve Taiwan in Interpol meetings,
14 events, and related activities; and

15 (D) in certain cases as appropriate and in
16 alignment with United States interests, assist
17 Taiwan in increasing its economic, security, and
18 diplomatic engagement with countries in the
19 Indo-Pacific region and around the world; and

20 (2) instruct Interpol Washington to officially re-
21 quest membership status for Taiwan in Interpol and
22 to actively urge Interpol member states to support
23 such membership status and participation for Tai-
24 wan.

1 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in
3 coordination with Interpol Washington, shall transmit to
4 Congress a report, in unclassified form, describing the
5 United States strategy to endorse and obtain observer sta-
6 tus or membership status for Taiwan in appropriate inter-
7 national organizations, including Interpol, and at other re-
8 lated meetings, activities, and mechanisms thereafter. The
9 report shall include the following:

10 (1) A description of the efforts the Secretary
11 has made to encourage member states to promote
12 Taiwan’s bids to obtain observer status or member-
13 ship status in appropriate international organiza-
14 tions, including Interpol.

15 (2) A description of the actions the Secretary
16 will take to endorse and obtain observer status or
17 membership status for Taiwan in appropriate inter-
18 national organizations, including Interpol, and at
19 other related meetings, activities, and mechanisms
20 thereafter.

21 **SEC. 3. REPORT.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
23 date of the enactment of this Act, the U.S. National Cen-
24 tral Bureau (Interpol Washington) shall submit to the
25 Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representa-

1 tives and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate
2 a report on any and all threats posed to Taiwan's criminal
3 intelligence as a result of their non-member and non-ob-
4 server status in the International Criminal Police Organi-
5 zation (Interpol) and, therefore, Taiwan's lack of access
6 to Interpol communications and data.

7 (b) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
8 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain
9 a classified annex.

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