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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 (for himself, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. LIEU, 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 advo-
24 cacy by the United States, Taiwan was granted ob-
25 server status to the World Health Assembly between
26 2009 and 2016 under the name “Chinese Taipei”.

1 Both prior to and in its capacity as an observer,
2 Taiwan contributed significantly to the international
3 community's collective efforts in pandemic control,
4 monitoring, early warning, and other related mat-
5 ters. Since 2016, the World Health Assembly has re-
6 jected any bids for Taiwan's inclusion as an ob-
7 server.

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

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

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

1 and in the spirit of the Universal Declaration of
2 Human Rights.”.

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

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

22 (11) Taiwan is unable to swiftly share information
23 on criminals and suspicious activity with the
24 international community, leaving a huge void in the

1 global crime-fighting efforts and leaving the entire
2 world at risk.

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

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

8 (1) to advocate, as appropriate—

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

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

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

22 (3) for the President or the President’s des-
23 ignees to advocate, as appropriate, for Taiwan’s
24 membership or observer status in all organizations
25 described in paragraph (1) as part of any relevant

1 bilateral engagements between the United States
2 and the People's Republic of China, including leader
3 summits and the U.S.-China Comprehensive Eco-
4 nomic Dialogue.

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

7 (1) develop a strategy to—

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

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

15 (C) involve Taiwan in Interpol meetings,
16 events, and related activities; and

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

22 (2) instruct Interpol Washington to officially re-
23 quest membership status for Taiwan in Interpol and
24 to actively urge Interpol member states to support

1 such membership status and participation for Tai-
2 wan.

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

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

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

23 **SEC. 3. REPORT.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
25 date of the enactment of this Act, the U.S. National Cen-

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

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

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