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Dear Director-General Tedros,

Today, we, Members of the European Parliament, would like to raise awareness about Taiwan's success in fighting the Covid-19 pandemic and the potential of sharing its valuable experience with the global community.

Since more than two years, Taiwan's contribution to contain the pandemic at home and provide assistance globally has received a high level of recognition. Not only has Taiwan's democratic government responded extremely effectively to the initially obfuscated outbreak, but the people of Taiwan have shown strong resilience and unity while facing this difficult situation. Despite its international isolation, Taiwan is indeed a successful model for pandemic prevention. Moreover, Taiwan has actively provided medical equipment to different parts in the world, including to European Union member states. We are extremely grateful to the generosity of the Taiwanese people.

Internationally, Taiwan's important contributions have been acknowledged, including by the EU and its member states, which increasingly see Taiwan as an important partner. In that vein, in its report "EU-Taiwan political relations and cooperation"<sup>1</sup>, which was adopted on 21 October 2021, the European Parliament strongly advocates for Taiwan's meaningful participation as an observer in meetings, mechanisms and activities of international bodies, including the World Health Organization. The European Parliament believes that Taiwan's contributions in the WHO would offer an added value to the health and well-being of the citizens of all its members.

Despite its proven expertise and demonstrated international solidarity, it is still not possible for Taiwan to contribute to the fight against Covid-19 in a coordinated fashion by participating meaningfully in relevant international organizations. We would, therefore, welcome if you, Director-General Tedros, could consider ways of

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2021-0431\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2021-0431_EN.html)



allowing Taiwan to meaningfully participate in the upcoming 75th World Health Assembly, for instance by granting it observer status.

Sincerely,

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