
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED NATIONS TO GRANT TAIWAN PARTICIPATION AS AN
OBSERVER IN THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON
CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES MEETINGS.

1 WHEREAS, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate
2 Change (Convention) is an international environmental treaty
3 produced at the United Nations Conference on Environment and
4 Development; and

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6 WHEREAS, the parties to the Convention have met annually
7 from 1995 in the Conference of the Parties to assess progress in
8 dealing with climate change. In 1997, the Kyoto Protocol was
9 concluded and established legally binding obligations for
10 developed countries to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions;
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13 WHEREAS, as of May 2011, the Convention had one hundred
14 ninety-four member parties; and

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16 WHEREAS, parties to the Convention are classified as Annex
17 I countries - industrialized countries and countries with
18 economies in transition, Annex II countries - developed
19 countries that pay for costs of developing countries, and Non
20 Annex I countries - developing countries; and

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22 WHEREAS, there are forty-one Annex I countries; and

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24 WHEREAS, although the Republic of China, commonly known as
25 Taiwan, is classified as an industrialized nation, that country
26 has yet to be permitted to participate in the United Nations
27 Framework Convention on Climate Change; and

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29 WHEREAS, Taiwan aspires to have an active role in global
30 efforts towards climate change mitigation and adaption; and

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1 WHEREAS, as the world's largest LED manufacturer and the
2 second largest solar cell manufacturer, Taiwan's green energy
3 industry is helping to significantly reduce global carbon
4 emissions and enhance energy efficiency; and
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6 WHEREAS, Taiwan has resolved to reduce its greenhouse gas
7 emissions by at least thirty per cent relative to the Business-
8 As-Usual benchmark by the year 2020; and
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10 WHEREAS, Taiwan's participation in the Convention process
11 would conform to the spirit and the purpose of the United
12 Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which
13 acknowledges that the "global nature of climate change calls for
14 the widest possible cooperation;" and
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16 WHEREAS, Taiwan's Environmental Protection Administration
17 should be admitted to participate as an observer in the sessions
18 of the Conference of the Parties, since it is qualified in
19 matters covered by the Convention; and
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21 WHEREAS, Taiwan has participated in the World Health
22 Assembly as an observer since 2009; and
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24 WHEREAS, there is increasing international support for
25 Taiwan's meaningful participation in the United Nations
26 Framework Convention on Climate Change from other countries and
27 international governmental organizations such as the European
28 Parliament, Central American Parliament, and the Association of
29 Pacific Island Legislatures; now, therefore
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
32 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
33 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the United Nations is urged
34 to grant Taiwan participation as an observer in the United
35 Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of
36 Parties; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the
 3 United States Department of State, the Secretary General of the
 4 United Nations, the President of the Republic of China, the
 5 Director of the United States Environmental Protection Agency,
 6 and the Minister of the Taiwan Environmental Protection
 7 Administration.

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