

1 a part of global efforts toward climate change mitigation and
2 adaptation; and

3 WHEREAS, Taiwan has decided to reduce, by 2020, its
4 greenhouse gas emissions by at least thirty percent relative
5 to the business-as-usual benchmark and has drafted a
6 greenhouse gas emissions reduction bill that will soon be put
7 through its legislature; and

8 WHEREAS, Taiwan's participation in the conference of the
9 parties would conform to the spirit and purpose of the United
10 Nations framework convention on climate change that
11 acknowledges "the global nature of climate change calls for
12 the widest possible cooperation", and Taiwan's environmental
13 protection administration should be admitted to participate
14 as an observer in the sessions of the conference of the
15 parties since it is qualified in matters covered by the
16 United Nations framework convention on climate change; and

17 WHEREAS, Taiwan's continuing absence from international
18 climate organizations such as the United Nations framework
19 convention on climate change has impeded Taiwan's ability to
20 respond to natural disasters such as Typhoon Morakot in 2009;
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22 WHEREAS, Taiwan has had no direct contact with the
23 international civil aviation organization since it was
24 excluded from the organization in 1971; and

25 WHEREAS, Taiwan's absence from international

1 organizations dealing with airline safety and security has
2 left a gap in the international aviation security system, as
3 Taiwan is a key transport hub in the Asia-Pacific region and
4 has one of the world's largest airports by cargo volume,
5 Taoyuan international airport; and

6 WHEREAS, meaningful participation by the government of
7 Taiwan as an observer in the meetings and activities of the
8 international civil aviation organization will contribute
9 both to the fulfillment of that organization's overarching
10 mission and to the success of a global strategy to address
11 aviation security threats based on effective international
12 cooperation; and

13 WHEREAS, since May 2009, Taiwan's department of health
14 has been invited for four consecutive years to attend the
15 world health assembly as an observer under the designation
16 "Chinese Taipei"; and

17 WHEREAS, Taiwan seeks to contribute to peace, freedom
18 and security in the world as a responsible stakeholder and
19 peaceable nation of twenty-three million citizens through
20 Taiwanese policies such as "viable diplomacy" in foreign
21 affairs and its pragmatic approach to relations with mainland
22 China; and

23 WHEREAS, New Mexico has had a strong economic and
24 cultural relationship with Taiwan since establishing
25 sister-state relations in 1985 and sister-city relations

1 between Albuquerque and Hualien in 1983;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the congress and the president of
4 the United States be requested to support the efforts of the
5 Republic of China (Taiwan) to be granted observer status by
6 certain international organizations, including the United
7 Nations framework convention on climate change, the
8 international civil aviation organization and the world
9 health organization; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the president of the United States, to the
12 United States secretary of state and to the members of New
13 Mexico's congressional delegation.

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