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To:
Office of the Arizona Governor
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Re: The so-called "Taipei Representative Office" in Phoenix, Arizona.

The Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Los Angeles presents its compliments to the Office of the Arizona Governor and with regard to the opening of a so-called "representative office" in Phoenix by the Taiwan authorities, hereby reaffirm its firm opposition to any attempt to advocate "Taiwan independence" and challenge the one-China principle. The Chinese Consulate wishes to draw the attention of the latter towards China's serious concern and its firm and consistent position on the Taiwan question as follows.

There is but one China in the world, Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory. On October 1, 1949, the People's Republic of China (PRC) was founded, becoming the successor to the Republic of China (1912-1949). The Government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legal government representing the whole of China. Taiwan region has never been a state, its status as part of China is unalterable. This is a universal consensus of the international community.

The Taiwan question is the core of the core interests of China, the bedrock of the political foundation of China-US relations, and the first red line that must not be crossed in China-US relations. The one-China principle constitutes the political foundation for China-US relations. From the Shanghai Communiqués (1972), to the Joint Communiqué

on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations (1978), to the August 17 Communiqué on US arms sales to Taiwan (1982), it is written in black and white: there is but one China and Taiwan is part of China, and the Government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legal Government of China. The State of Arizona has the obligation to adhere to the spirit of the Three Joint Communiqué and respect the one-China principle.

The so called "Taipei representative office" in Phoenix is a political gimmick by using economic and cultural exchanges as a pretext while in reality constituting official interactions. They even dubbed this "representative office" a de facto "diplomatic hub" as embassy or consulate, which it is not and never would be. This definitely constitutes a serious violation of the one-China principle and the three China-U.S. Joint Communiqués, sending a gravely misleading signal to "Taiwan Independence" separatist forces, and creating disruptions and obstacles to China-Arizona relations.

China attaches importance to the long-standing cooperative relationship with the State of Arizona, and remains committed to its continued growth. The Consulate General hereby requests the Hon. Katie Hobbs and the State of Arizona to strictly abide by the one-China principle, object the opening of the so-called "representative office" by Taiwan authorities in Phoenix, cease all forms of exchanges with China's Taiwan region that may imply recognition of its sovereignty or confer official status upon it, and stop emboldening or lending support to the "Taiwan Independence" separatist forces.

The Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Los Angeles avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the Arizona Governor of its highest consideration.

Los Angeles, August 21, 2020



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U.S. Department of State's Office of Foreign Missions in Los Angeles