

14 February, 2019

## **Statement on promoting peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait**

In line with the Resolutions on the implementation of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and EU-China relations adopted by the European Parliament in the past years, and given China's intensifying military intimidation against Taiwan in recent months, Members of the European Parliament, including the Members of the European Parliament-Taiwan Friendship Group, would like to express their concern about the state of cross-strait relations between China and Taiwan.

1. We stress that preserving peace, stability and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region is of substantial interest to the EU and its Member States; we note the need for the EU to continue supporting the development of peaceful relations between China and its neighbors, including Taiwan, through constructive bilateral and inclusive multilateral mechanisms.
2. We emphasize that all cross-strait disputes should be settled by peaceful means on the basis of international law and call on the parties concerned to refrain from taking unilateral action to change the status quo; we call on the EU and its Member States to do their utmost to urge China to refrain from further military actions in the Taiwan Strait;
3. We reiterate firm support for Taiwan's meaningful participation in relevant international organizations and activities, where Taiwan's exclusion is not in line with the EU's interest; we encourage the resumption of official dialogue between Beijing and Taipei, which are conducive to the region's peace, stability and prosperity.

Members of the European Parliament, including the Members of the European Parliament-Taiwan Friendship Group, will continue to closely watch the development of cross-strait relations, and hope the resumption of official dialogue between Beijing and Taipei will soon become a reality.

Brussels,

Chair of the EP-Taiwan Friendship Group



Dr. Werner Langen MEP