



Taiwan donates life-saving defibrillators to Thesprotia in Greece



Aaron C. W. Hsu, Charge d'Affaires of the TRO, donates a defibrillator to the Filiaton Hospital, November 2024

The Taipei Representative Office in Greece, on behalf of the people and government of Taiwan, donated two portable defibrillators to the regional unit of Thesprotia in the north-western part of Greece in November 2024. Aaron C. W. Hsu, Charge d'Affaires of the TRO, Vasileios Giogiakas, Member of the New Democracy in the Hellenic Parliament, and President of the Krystallopigi community, Mrs. Tsiola, participated in the donation ceremony held at the local hospital. "As we know, defibrillators can save a life for someone who is under a sudden cardiac arrest, by creating an electrical charge to stop the heart's abnormal rhythm and then to start a normal rhythm again," Mr. Hsu says, adding that "such medical equipment will be critically useful for the patients in the region, should an emergency arise." After the ceremony, the TRO Charge d'Affaires visited the Filiaton town hall, where he met with the Mayor Mr. Vasileios Tzizkos and his colleagues to exchange opinions regarding potential cooperation in health and technology between Taiwan and Greece.

MOFA thanks EU Commissioner for pro-Taiwan statement



The Oct. 22 statement by EU Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights Nicolas Schmit calling out China's distortion of U.N. Resolution 2758 and its continuous military provocation in waters and airspace around Taiwan is sincerely appreciated by the government and people, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said.

According to the MOFA, Schmit delivered the speech on behalf of Josep Borrell, EU high representative for foreign affairs and security policy and vice-president of the European Commission, at a European Parliament plenary in Strasbourg. He stressed that the 150-word resolution does not include a single mention of "Taiwan" and that the EU and Taiwan are like-minded partners in many ways, with their mutual commitment to democracy, human rights and the rule of law. Bilateral cooperation and dialogue have intensified across a broad range of issues on the basis of shared interests and values, he added.

(<https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/china-speech-high-representativevice-president-josep-borrell-ep-plenary-misinterpretation-un-en>)

European Parliament passes resolution in support of Taiwan



The European Parliament on Oct. 14 passed a resolution that denounces China's interpretation of a United Nations resolution that is cited to block Taiwan's participation in international organizations. The pro-Taiwan resolution was carried with a strong majority vote of 432-60, with 71 abstentions. It was titled "European Parliament resolution on the misinterpretation of U.N. Resolution 2758 by the People's Republic of China and its continuous military provocations around Taiwan." The resolution, passed in a plenary session in Strasbourg, said that China has been misinterpreting U.N. Resolution 2758, which shifted its official representation from the Republic of China (Taiwan) to the PRC in 1971. The EP said it strongly rejects and refutes the PRC's attempts to distort history and international rules, and that it also condemns China's continuous military provocations around Taiwan.

(https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-10-2024-0030_EN.html)