

BASIC AGREEMENT ON PEACEFUL CROSS-STRAIT DEVELOPMENT

Preamble

Both parties involved,

Recognizing the fact that China as a whole (hereafter: "Whole China") has been in a state of separated governance since 1949,

But that as such both parties are still a part of the Chinese people,

In view of the common mutual responsibility of both sides to promote national peace and development,

Acknowledging that both sides of the Taiwan Strait belong to the Whole China, that mutual equality is a basic condition for peace and understanding, and that both sides intend to apply a method of integration via the establishment of communities as the basic path to peace and mutual development,

Based on the interests of the people on both sides of the Taiwan Strait, and the desire to end the confrontation state and create the conditions for cross-strait cooperation,

Have reached the following agreement:

Art. 1: Both sides of the Taiwan Strait belong to the Whole China, and both have no intent to separate from the Whole China, and furthermore promise not to split the Whole China, and will work in unison to maintain the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Whole China.

Art. 2: Both sides agree and respect that the counterpart is a constitutional order. Both sides will develop normal relations on the basis of cross-strait equality.

Art. 3: Both sides agree to not use arms or the threat of force, and to resolve their mutual disagreements using exclusively peaceful means.

Art. 4: Both sides decide to establish communities in areas of common agreement, in order to promote mutually cooperative relations.

Art. 5: Both sides agree to mutually cooperate in international organizations. The common appearance of the two sides does not imply the fracture of the Whole China, but rather that both parties have the responsibility to maintain the common interests of the Chinese people.

Art. 6: Both sides agree to mutually establish permanent representative offices. Issues regarding the establishment of representative offices will be determined separately.

This agreement must obtain ratification through their respective constitutional procedures and will go into effect on the day following the exchange of official notices by both sides

Signatories:

Beijing China

Taipei China