

落地生根 主權在民 我們攜手共同珍惜守護
台灣自古以來是原住民族的祖傳土地 世世代代永遠守護

原住民族議會、NGO 團體共同聲明

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歷經先來後到不同世代族群落地生根共同奮鬥努力，在我們母親土地上建立起來的主權在民國家台灣，艱辛歷程，造就勤奮良善，樂於分享助人，有大山的沈穩堅韌，也有大海的開闊包容，得來不易的民主自由，多元社會，人權尊嚴，我們備感珍惜，堅定攜手共同守護！

民主憲政改革落實主權在民，同時帶來對原住民族原本主人地位及多元文化的肯認，國家肯定多元文化，國家應依民族意願，保障原住民族地位及權利載入憲法，漸與國際社會人權倡議同步發展，持續達成原住民族與臺灣政府新的夥伴關係協約，原住民族基本法，聯合國公民與政治、經濟社會與文化兩個人權公約國內法化，乃至蔡英文總統代表國家向原住民族道歉，原住民族歷史正義與轉型正義才剛剛開始被國家重視，台灣島上的多元民族、多元文化、多元歷史觀才剛剛開始受到國家肯定，正需展開進一步落實推動之時，習近平專權的中華人民共和國，全盤否定並升高對台灣國家主權的逼迫，武力威脅併吞。

在此重申 2019 年 1 月 8 日原住民族轉型正義與歷史正義委員會各民族代表聯署聲明：

台灣原住民族致中國習近平主席的一封信，要點包括：

習近平先生，你不認識我們，因此你不認識台灣。

習近平先生，你不懂尊嚴，因此誤會了偉大。

習近平先生，人不應該傷害別人，無論這個人跟自己多麼不一樣。

習近平先生，台灣原住民族與台灣的主體性，拒絕威脅也不退讓。

聲明末段表達善意相待：如果有一天，中國放棄扭曲的歷史觀、民族觀、國家觀，樂意成為我們的善良鄰居，而不是強行要當我們的父母。那個時候，我們會誠心舉杯，敬中國這個鄰居一杯小米酒。Pa'sola xmnx na mansonsou！（願您每回呼吸都順暢；鄒族語）

同時，原住民族轉型正義的推動，續有進展，實踐主權在民，國民主權原則之公民投票法第一條增列公民投票涉及原住民族權利者，不得違反原住民族基本法之規定，亦即承認原住民族自然主權，不得以多數決剝奪，包括不得將祖傳土地併入他國。而原住民族語言發展法與國家語言發展法相繼將原住民族語言認定為國家語言，並積極展開促進原住民族語言之保存與發展，保障原住民族語言之使用及傳承的工作，原住民懷抱熱情與使命努力投入，原住民傳統名字也終於得以使用族語，不必再使用中文漢字，配合憲法法庭的建立與運作，原住民族集體性與主體性先在權利得到進一步的肯認。

面對共產黨專制極權、中華民族主義及帝國主義霸權的中華人民共和國對台灣國家主權的逼迫，對台海和平安全的威脅，對周遭國家的霸凌，對其國民人權的剝奪、監控、欺瞞與詐

騙，已成為國際社會及其國內人民共同的敵對勢力。反觀國內部份政治人物居然與之勾搭唱和，鼓勵武力脅迫與欺騙，並利用國會多數暴力，毀憲亂政，惡砍預算，企圖弱化國防，癱瘓政府運作，裡應外合來顛覆我們努力建構的民主自由體制國家。

我們相信台灣社會的民主素養和包容精神，可以從容應對各種挑戰，克服困難。因此，民主防衛機制已啟動，公民已展開制度糾錯行動，政府面對國安威脅，也提出因應策略，展開體制應有作為，再一次勇敢面對挑戰，展現韌性與毅力，轉化對立為團結，多域多層次縱深國防，化解威脅。

不允許以武力及脅迫手段來改變台灣事實獨立地位及台海和平的現狀，源於所有國際爭端、政治歧見解決的非武力的國際非戰原則，是美國長期以來所維持的立場，對台灣安全、台海及區域安定的承諾，近年來，更已成為國際社會的共識。

我們仍將促進拆除高牆，真實透明平等的交流與對話，相信人們能秉持理性客觀的態度，接受雙向換位思維和多元價值，台灣的文化軟實力，從民主制度到多元文化，從科技創新到人文關懷，都展現出這個島嶼獨特的優勢存在。台灣雖小，卻擁有強大的社會韌性和文化自信。

台灣是原住民族的台灣，是所有先來後到、定根並認同於此的台灣人的台灣，是有深遠歷史淵源的南島民族的台灣，也是海洋大地心向聯結世界的台灣！我們仍然如大山的沈穩堅韌，也仍然如大海的開闊包容，堅定地守護這美麗之島，與世界共好！

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**Rooted in the Land, Sovereignty Belongs to the People —
United in Cherishing and Defending Taiwan Together**
**Taiwan Has Always Been the Ancestral Homeland of Indigenous Peoples — A Sacred Land
that We Have Safeguarded for Countless Generations and Will Continue to Protect Forever.**

Joint Statement by Indigenous Peoples' Councils and NGOs
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Over generations, diverse peoples—whether first arrivals or later settlers—have taken root on this motherland and struggled together to build a nation grounded in popular sovereignty: Taiwan. This journey has not been easy, but it has shaped a society defined by diligence, compassion, and generosity. Like our mountains, we are steadfast and resilient; like our seas, we are open and inclusive. Our democracy and freedom were hard-won, as were our pluralistic society and human dignity. We cherish them deeply, and we stand united in their defense.

Democratic and constitutional reforms have not only embodied the principle that sovereignty lies with the people, but have also brought long-overdue recognition to Indigenous peoples as the original stewards of this land and to the richness of our diverse cultures. The state's affirmation of multiculturalism must now be made real — by enshrining Indigenous status and rights in the Constitution, in accordance with the will of the peoples themselves, and by aligning national policy with global human rights progress. These include new partnership agreements between Indigenous nations and the Taiwanese government, the enforcement of the Indigenous Peoples Basic Law, and the domestication of the UN covenants on civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights. President Tsai Ing-wen's historic apology to Indigenous peoples marked only the beginning. Recognition of Taiwan's multiethnic, multicultural, and multihistorical identity has only just begun. Yet, at this critical moment of progress, Xi Jinping's authoritarian People's Republic of China seeks to erase it all—escalating pressure on Taiwan's sovereignty and threatening us with annexation by force.

We hereby reaffirm the joint statement issued on January 8, 2019, by Indigenous representatives to the Committee on Transitional and Historical Justice:

An open letter from Taiwan's Indigenous peoples to President Xi Jinping of China included the following messages:

Mr. Xi, you do not know us—therefore, you do not know Taiwan.

Mr. Xi, you do not understand dignity—and thus, you misunderstand what greatness truly means.

Mr. Xi, no person should harm another, no matter how different they may be.

Mr. Xi, Taiwan's Indigenous peoples—and the very identity of Taiwan—reject coercion. We will not yield.

And the letter ended with a message of goodwill:

If one day China abandons its distorted views of history, ethnicity, and statehood—if it chooses to become a kind neighbor instead of forcefully acting as an unwanted parent—then we will gladly raise a glass of millet wine in peace.

Pa'sola xmnx na mansonsou!

(“May each of your breaths be smooth,” in the Tsou language.)

At the same time, efforts toward Indigenous transitional justice continue to progress, affirming that sovereignty truly lies with the people. A significant example is the amendment to Article 1 of the Referendum Act, which now stipulates that any referendum involving Indigenous rights must not contravene the Indigenous Peoples Basic Law. This affirms the natural sovereignty of Indigenous peoples—meaning our ancestral lands cannot be subjected to the will of the majority, and certainly cannot be annexed into another nation.

The passage of the Indigenous Languages Development Act and the National Languages Development Act formally recognizes Indigenous languages as national languages. These laws actively promote the preservation and revitalization of our languages, safeguarding our right to use and pass them down through generations. Fueled by a deep sense of mission, Indigenous peoples have passionately embraced this movement. For the first time, we can officially use our traditional names in our own languages—no longer forced to adopt Chinese characters. In tandem with the establishment of the Constitutional Court, there has been meaningful progress in affirming the collective identity and subjectivity of Indigenous peoples under the law.

Confronting the authoritarian grip of the Chinese Communist Party, its aggressive Chinese nationalism, and imperialistic ambitions, the People's Republic of China has become an escalating threat—not only to Taiwan's sovereignty and the peace of the Taiwan Strait, but also to its neighboring countries. Its record of human rights violations, mass surveillance, deception, and internal oppression has made it a common adversary in the eyes of both the international community and its own citizens.

Meanwhile, some politicians within our own borders have shockingly chosen to align themselves with such forces—echoing authoritarian rhetoric, condoning military threats, and enabling deceit. Through abuse of parliamentary majority, they have trampled constitutional order, slashed vital budgets, sought to undermine our national defense, and attempted to paralyze government functions. Their actions amount to internal collusion with external aggressors, aimed at dismantling the democratic and free society we have fought so hard to build.

Yet we believe in the democratic maturity and inclusive spirit of Taiwanese society. With resolve and clarity, we can face any challenge and overcome any hardship.

Democratic defense mechanisms have now been activated. Citizens are taking action to correct systemic errors, while the government has begun deploying national security strategies in response to the threats we face. Once again, Taiwan rises with courage—demonstrating resilience and determination, transforming division into unity. Through multi-layered, domain-spanning defense systems, we are defusing threats while fortifying peace.

The principle that no dispute should be settled by force or coercion—and that Taiwan's de facto independence and the peace of the Taiwan Strait must not be altered through aggression—has long been a cornerstone of U.S. policy and has now become a widely shared consensus among the global community. The international commitment to Taiwan's security and regional stability has never been stronger.

We remain committed to tearing down walls and fostering honest, transparent, and equal dialogue. We believe people are capable of rational, empathetic thinking—embracing multiple values and the ability to see the world through each other's eyes. Taiwan's cultural soft power—rooted in democracy, enriched by multiculturalism, fueled by innovation, and driven by compassion—reflects the unique strengths of this island. Though small in size, Taiwan possesses tremendous social resilience and an unshakable cultural confidence.

Taiwan is the Taiwan of Indigenous peoples. It is also the Taiwan of all who have come—early or late—taken root, and chosen to identify with this land. Taiwan is the Taiwan of Austronesian peoples, bound by deep ancestral ties. It is the Taiwan of oceans and mountains, reaching outward to the world. Like our mountains, we remain steady and resilient; like our seas, we remain vast and inclusive. We are unwavering in our commitment to protecting this beautiful island—and to building a better future together with the world.

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