Resolution No. 31-GA-18

"Expressing deep appreciation for the Republic of China (ROC) as a proactive development partner in the Pacific region and reiterating support for the ROC’s meaningful participation as an observer in the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)."

WHEREAS, the ROC has continued to be a generous and proactive development partner of the Pacific Island countries, by providing technical and financial assistance for development projects in the areas of agriculture, fisheries, public infrastructure, solar energy, health and medical care, fisheries, human resources, education, culture, tourism and others; and

WHEREAS, parliamentary members in the Pacific region have joined forces and adopted resolutions at the 29th General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures in 2010, and the 42nd General Assembly of the Asian-Pacific Parliamentarians’ Union in 2011, in support of the ROC’s meaningful participation in international organizations, particularly the UNFCCC and ICAO; and

WHEREAS, the Preamble of the UNFCCC states that “the global nature of climate change calls for the widest possible cooperation by all countries and their participation in an effective and appropriate response” to climate change; and

WHEREAS, the ROC continues to face the threat of negative impacts stemming from global warming and climate change; the exclusion of ROC as an observer from the UNFCCC mechanism, including the Durban Platform, the Green Climate Fund, Technology Transfer Framework, and others, not only threatens the survival of its 23 million people, but also violates the founding spirit of the UNFCCC; and
WHEREAS, the Convention on International Civil Aviation, which approved the establishment of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), states that “The aims and objectives of the Organization are to develop the principles and techniques of international air aviation so as to meet the needs of the peoples of the world for safe, regular, efficient and economical air transport”; and

WHEREAS, the ROC serves as an aviation hub in Asia-Pacific with Taipei Flight Information Region (Taipei FIR) providing indispensable air control service to air traffic in East Asia, the exclusion of ROC from ICAO not only threatens aviation safety and security of the air space of under Taipei FIR, but also jeopardizes ICAO’s pursuit of “safe, regular, efficient and economical air transport,” and its security initiatives; and

WHEREAS, meaningful participation by the ROC in the meetings and activities of the UNFCCC and ICAO as an observer will contribute to the fulfillment of the overarching mission of the UNFCCC and ICAO, and to the success of a global strategy to address climate change and aviation safety and security; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 31st General Assembly, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, June 20-23, 2012, that the APIL expresses full support for Taiwan’s meaningful participation in international organizations and activities, particularly as an observer in UNFCCC and ICAO, and urges UNFCCC and ICAO, respectively, to include Taiwan in their meetings, activities and mechanisms as an observer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be transmitted to the Honorable Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC, the Honorable Raymond
Benjamin, Secretary General of ICAO, the Honorable Timothy Chin-tien Yang, Minister of
Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China, and to the chief executive and legislative officers of
each member of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 22nd DAY OF JUNE, 2012.

REBLUUD KE SOLEI
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CHANG WILLIAM
ACTING SECRETARY