APIL Resolution No. 29-GA-01, CD1

"Recognizing the Republic of China as a proactive development partner in the Pacific region and reiterating support for the ROC’s meaningful participation in international organizations and activities, particularly the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)."

WHEREAS, the Republic of China (ROC) has long been 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, public infrastructure, health and medical care, fisheries, human resources, education, culture, tourism and others; and

WHEREAS, the Preamble of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) recognizes that the global nature of climate change calls for world-wide cooperation and participation in an effective and appropriate response to climate change; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of the ROC, commonly known as Taiwan, to participate in UNFCCC will allow Taiwan to contribute to the global efforts to effectively tackle the negative impact of climate change; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is a key air transport hub linking Northeast and Southeast Asia as well as the Pacific region; and

WHEREAS, the Taipei Flight Information Region (Taipei FIR) under the jurisdiction of the ROC and connecting the Fukuoka, Manila and Hong Kong FIRs, provides air traffic control services for over 1.34 million flights and carry over 40 million passengers every year; and

WHEREAS, aviation safety and security transcends national boundaries, and the inclusion of Taiwan in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) will only contribute to the international civil aviation safety and security; now, therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 29th General Assembly, Tarawa, Republic of Kiribati, June 3-4, 2010, that APIL expresses full support for Taiwan’s meaningful participation in international organizations and activities, particularly UNFCCC and ICAO, and urges both UNFCCC and ICAO, respectively, to make efforts to find ways to let Taiwan directly participate in their mechanism, meetings and other activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APIL President shall certify and the Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Yvo de Boer, 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 executives and legislative officers of each member of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.


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