



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

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Republic of the Marshall Islands
Republic of Nauru
Republic of Palau
State of Hawaii

A RESOLUTION

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).”

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

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

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

13 **WHEREAS**, the ROC continues to face the threat of negative impacts stemming from
14 global warming and climate change; the exclusion of ROC as an observer from the UNFCCC
15 mechanism, including the Durban Platform, the Green Climate Fund, Technology Transfer
16 Framework, and others, not only threatens the survival of its 23 million people, but also violates
17 the founding spirit of the UNFCCC; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Convention on International Civil Aviation, which approved the
2 establishment of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), states that “The aims and
3 objectives of the Organization are to develop the principles and techniques of international air
4 aviation so as to meet the needs of the peoples of the world for safe, regular, efficient and
5 economical air transport”; and

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

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

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

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL
21 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be transmitted to the
22 Honorable Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC, the Honorable Raymond

- 1 Benjamin, Secretary General of ICAO, the Honorable Timothy Chin-tien Yang, Minister of
- 2 Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China, and to the chief executive and legislative officers of
- 3 each member of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

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



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APIL PRESIDENT



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ACTING SECRETARY

