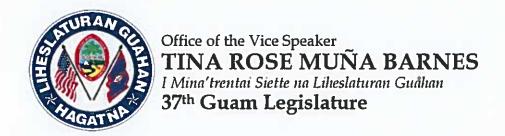
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March 15, 2023

The Honorable Speaker Therese M. Terlaje

I Mina'trentai Siette na Liheslaturan Guahan 163 Chalan Santo Papa Hagatña, Guam 96910

VIA: The Honorable Chris Barnett

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Author's Report on Resolution No. 30-37 (COR)

Buenas yan Håfa adai Speaker Terlaje,

Transmitted herewith is the Author's Report on Resolution No. 30-37 (COR) - "RELATIVE TO SUPPORTING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)'S PARTICIPATION AS OBSERVER AT THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION'S 76TH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY AND TO REAFFIRM SUPPORT FOR THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)'S PARTICIPATION AS OBSERVER IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS."

Sincerely,

Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

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COMMITTEE ON RULES

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February 22, 2023

To: RennaeVanessa C. Meno

Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Darleen Hiton Legislative Legal Counsel

From: Senator Chris Barnett

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: Referral of Resolution No. 30-37 (COR)

Håfa Adai yan Biba Guåhan!

As per authority as Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and subject to §§ 7.03(e), and, 7.04(b) Rule VII of our Standing Rules, and 2 GCA § 2103(b), I am forwarding the referral of Resolution No. 30-37 (COR) – Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Joe S. San Agustin, Frank Blas Jr., Amanda L. Shelton, Therese M. Terlaje, Roy Anthony Benavente Quinata, William A. Parkinson, Telo T. Taitague, Joanne Brown, Jesse A. Lujan – "Relative to Supporting the Republic Of China (Taiwan)'s Participation as Observer at the World Health Organization's 76th World Health Assembly and to Reaffirm Support for the Republic Of China (Taiwan)'s Participation as Observer In International Organizations."

Please ensure that the subject resolution is referred to Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Author of the Resolution. I also request that the same be forwarded to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.

A copy of the resolution is available on our legislative website https://guamlegislature.com/index/37th-guam-legislature-resolutions/.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Joaquin 'Quin' P. Taitague, Committee on Rules Director at 671-472-2461.





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Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes <senatormunabarnes@guamlegislature.org>

Thu, Feb 23, 2023 at 11:48 AM

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

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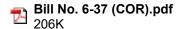
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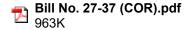
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I. OVERVIEW

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The Author convened a public hearing on Resolution No. 30-37 (COR) on February 6, 2023 in *I Liheslatura*'s Public Hearing Room (Guam Congress Building). The Public Hearing began at 9:00 AM and was adjourned at 11:17 AM. Resolution No. 30-37 (COR) was the first item on the agenda to be heard, beginning at 9:07 AM.

Public Notice Requirements

In accordance with the Open Government Law, public notices for the Public Hearing were disseminated via e-mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on Thursday, February 23, 2023 (5-Day Notice), and on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 (48-Hour Notice). The public notice was also published in the Guam Legislature website.

Senators Present

Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Senator Joe S. San Agustin Senator William Parkinson Senator Telo Taitague Senator Joanne Brown Senator Thomas Fisher

Appeared Before the Committee

Chi-chang "Vincent" Lu, Deputy Director – Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Guam (TECO)

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY AND DISCUSSION

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Vice Speaker Tina Muña Barnes Chairperson: *Buenas yan Håfa Adai hamyo todus. Manana si Yu'os!* Many of God's blessings to all of you here this morning. The Committee on Human Resources, Hagåtña Revitalization Regional Affairs, Public Libraries, Telecommunications Technology, and Federal and Foreign Affairs is called to order at nine o'clock. It is now 9:00 AM That clock's a little bit fast for the record and in accordance with 5 GCA Chapter 8 subsection 8107 public hearing notices were sent on Thursday, February 23, 2023, adhering to the five-day notice and a second public notice on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 48 hours prior.

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Ladies and gentlemen, joining me here this morning is, Senator Tom Fisher, Senator Joanne Brown, and Senator, Taitague. good morning colleagues. Also, joining me is Senator Will Parkinson, I'd be remiss, ladies and gentlemen, if I didn't recognize, the family, of a dear colleague of mine, a late colleague of mine, the Terlaje Family, Senator Pedo Jose Pedo Terlaje, who's in the audience joining us today for one of the, action items on the agenda. *Manana si Yu'os* and welcome. Thank you for joining us.

Before we proceed with the discussion, ladies and gentlemen, I'd like to provide some general rules of conduct for all who are in attendance. The conduct of this hearing shall be as follows:

- Those testifying will be recognized in the order of Sign-up on the sign-in sheet.
- Written testimony may be read and submitted to the Committee. Please provide our Legislative staff with your written testimony for photocopying.
- Persons will be allowed to present oral testimony only once. Lengthy testimony should be summarized to five (5) minutes. Once you are done, please remain in the room for any questions by my colleagues.

- Questions and testimony shall be confined to the substance or nature of the agenda. Personal inference as to the character or the motive of any Senator, or any individual testifying, is NOT permitted. Any violations of this general rule of conduct will result in removal from the Meeting Room.
- 5. When you speak, please make sure that the microphone is 'on' and that you speak INTO the microphone.
- 6. Please state your name for the record and where you're from and if you support or don't support the bills or resolutions.
- I will, again, note for the record, that there are five items on the agenda, so in the interest of time, I am kindly requesting each colleague ask one question per panel. If needed, we will do a second round of questions to the panel.

Those who do not follow these rules of engagement, will be removed from this public hearing room. Also joining me ladies and gentleman is my good colleague, the Chair of OFB, Senator Joe San Agustin, *manana si Yu'os, Sinadot*, yes.

Ladies and gentlemen, I will shift around the agenda a little bit. In the audience, we have a representative from the, Taiwan economic, Cultural, office here. And he will be, we will be hearing a Resolution No. 30-37 (COR) we will put that at the top of the agenda in, in, respect to protocol and at this time, and I'd like to thank my colleague, who, afforded me the opportunity to help shift this agenda around.

This resolution, ladies and gentlemen, is 30-37 (COR). It is relative to supporting the Republic of China, (Taiwan's) participation as observer of the World Health Organization, 76 World Health Assembly, and to reaffirm support for the Republic of China Taiwan's participation as an observer in the international organizations.

And, before I, do my opening remarks, I will go ahead and invite Deputy Director, Vincent, Lu, to the table for his remarks. Please have a seat at the table and then I will provide my opening remarks and then yield to you. Please have a seat.

Ladies and gentlemen, this year we introduced this resolution, to reaffirm Guam's support of the Republic of China, (Taiwan), to participate, meaningfully at international stakeholder meetings. Hundreds of countries, parliamentarians, and legislatures in the US and around the world continue to stand behind Taiwan to participate at the World Health Assembly hosted by the World Health Organization, it's unfortunate that Taiwan still was not invited. Moreover, as global competitors with highly developed industries their insight at international meetings like the International Civil Aviation Organization, United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the International Criminal Police

Organization would be invaluable. In Guam's commitment to our fifty year Sister city relationship with Taipei and now our new Sister City relationship with Tao-Yuan and Tai-Jong. We hope to continue to support the Republic of China's participation at international stakeholder meetings. So that is my opening testimony, and again, at this time I will recognize Deputy Director Lu, to, share his, testimony today. Good morning.

Chi-Chang "Vincent" Lu - Deputy Director TECO in Guam: Håfa Adai everybody. Yes, I have a much pleasure and feel pretty honored to be present here, yes in the public hearing. Yes, to be held in, the Guam Legislature.

On the behalf of, Director Paul Chen of the Taipei Economic and Cultural office in Guam and the government of the Republic of China (Taiwan), I would like to express my most heartfelt appreciation, yes, to all of you yes, to members of the Guam Legislature and the people in the government of Guam, yeah, for your long lasting support and, in, in terms of the, the Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization.

As far as I know, Taiwan has been excluded, yes, from the world, WHO, for several decades. But actually, Taiwan can make great contribution on the, pandemic prevention as well as the medical assistance in the international community. Taiwan can help and the Taiwan is helping, and I believe that, Taiwan, Taiwan's inclusion in WHO can contribute to the international community. Definitely.

And once again, thank you so much. Thank you so much Vice Speaker and our friends, all the senators present here in the public hearing, thank you so much. And, I believe that in the future, the, the friendly ties and the bilateral cooperation in the exchanges will continue to be further strengthened in the future once again, thank you.

Vice Speaker Tina Muña Barnes Chairperson: You're very welcome, Deputy Director Lu. At this time, I will open it, to my colleagues for any comments or questions and reference to this resolution. Senator Joe San Agustin, I'll recognize you at this time.

Senator Joe S. San Agustin: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd just like to, thank you, Madam Chair for the authoring of the resolution, and I'm in full support of this. My father was a senator and a speaker for, with the Legislature for 20 years, and he's always been in full support of Taiwan. Thank you, Madam Chair.

Chi-Chang "Vincent" Lu, Deputy Director TECO in Guam: You're welcome. So glad to hear this, you're a friend of Taiwan.

OFFICE OF VICE SPEAKER TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES SUITE 411 – 134 WEST SOLEDAD AVENUE HAGÅTÑA, GU 96910 SENATORMUNABARNES@GUAMLEGISLATURE.ORG **Vice Speaker Tina Muña Barnes, Chairperson:** You're very welcome. Senator San Agustin. Senator Will Parkinson, I will recognize you at this time.

Senator William A. Parkinson: Håfa Adai, sir, I don't have much to say. I remember going to Taiwan when I was a little kid and I'm always been a big fan and supporter of Taiwan and I look forward to supporting you on this resolution.

Chi-Chang "Vincent" Lu - Deputy Director, TECO in Guam: Thank you so much.

Vice Speaker Tina Muña Barnes Chairperson: Yeah. Thank you. Senator Parkinson. Senator Tom Fisher. Good morning. You're recognized.

Senator Thomas J. Fisher: Good morning, Madam Chair. Thank you very much and thank you, sir for being here. I am, I am proud to consider myself a friend of Taiwan, and I know that Taiwan is a great friend of Guam, and, the relationship between us is cherished. Taiwan is a beacon of democracy in the Western Pacific. We share the same values and we share the same, well, we share the same values in the, in a tradition of democratic participation in the government and so I commend Taiwan for that and again, I'm proud to be a friend of Taiwan. The only reservation I have, ma'am, is, because this addresses issues of foreign affairs, whether or not, the United States agrees with this and I don't know that you know that but.

Vice Speaker Tina Muña Barnes Chairperson: Yes, I do. They definitely, and have, the United States has been a very big ally and a partner to Taiwan for the last six, seven decades.

Senator Thomas J. Fisher: Okay. And they, and the United States, support observer status in these various organizations.

Vice Speaker Tina Muña Barnes Chairperson: Again, as part of the support and the efforts that we've been, working with, since 1974, they, we've been really big advocates and supporters, and so as Uncle Sam in those efforts. So thank you, Mr. Senator Fisher.

Senator Thomas J. Fisher: So thank you. And based on that representation, I too support the resolution.

Vice Speaker Tina Muña Barnes Chairperson: Thank you. Good morning, Senator Joanne, you're recognized at this time. Senator Taitague on a yield, good morning.

OFFICE OF VICE SPEAKER TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES SUITE 411 – 134 WEST SOLEDAD AVENUE HAGÅTÑA, GU 96910 SENATORMUNABARNES @GUAMLEGISLATURE.ORG **Senator Telo T. Taitague:** Good morning, Madam Chair and thank you for the opportunity to be a part of something like this. It's, it's very important. I believe Taiwan, once left Guam for a while. They, the Director General's office, and decided to come back to Guam and came back to Guam in full force.

Not only were you contributing to the community as far as you know, sponsorships, but you were there for information and outreach programs, which was very good and this office in the last couple years have shown a great presence here on the island and the contributions you made to this island.

In exchange, I continue to work with Taiwan too, with your technology. Taiwan is one of the forefronts on waste to energy to, recycling, reusing, and, a lot of that information is brought to Guam and we go to Taiwan to seek it. So, we're a small island and, there's not going to be much area left over for our dumping that we're going to have to find a way to deal with our waste.

So Taiwan has been a great advocate to assist us in that, and I continue to work with Taiwan and in exchange, whatever we can do to support you as well I'm here to support it. Thank you so much.

Chi-Chang "Vincent" Lu - Deputy Director TECO in Guam: Thank you so much. Yes. I think we will strengthen it further. Yes. And the cooperation between, exchanges between Taiwan and Guam and our Director General Paul Chen will considered it because of lasting efforts, yes, regarding, the, to, to, to strengthen, the bilateral relations between Taiwan and Guam of, since, our office reopened two and a half, two and a half years ago, and right now we are doing this, we, we'll continue to make efforts to cooperate with, with you, with the Guam Legislatures and that we are going to do this. Yes. Because your suggestions are really constructive and the with the proposal. I, I, I will, I will talk about it with our Director General Paul Chen and maybe our, he will, meet with you in the future and we, this is a very good idea. Thank you so much. Yes.

Vice Speaker Tina Muña Barnes, Chairperson: Thank you, Deputy Director. Senator Brown?

Senator Joanne M. Brown: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. And I also, in co-sponsoring this with you, support, the resolution. Taiwan definitely, and the

region has very, very much a good friend and a good partner to the Pacific and I think that's something we all need to value, considering the world situation and what we're dealing with with our other neighbors that are not as friendly and not as progressive and, and are more aggressive in their approach.

And so certainly the technology, the support, certainly on Guam as Senator Telo had mentioned, the return to have your office back here in your presence, engagement and the, and the direct contributions that Taiwan has made to our community. Certainly during the pandemic, Taiwan has taken very much a lead on how to address the safety and health issues and you've always, as a country, have always extended out your support to others in the world. And I think that that says a lot. It's not just what you need to do internally within your country to grow and develop, but how you extend and expand that help, in the world and also particularly in the Pacific region where we are all neighbors.

So, we continue to support your efforts and thank you for your partnership and continued presence. We have bigger challenges in the world out there. We have a lot to gain in, in keeping united and working together to support what we value in our quality of life and our freedoms. So, we, we look forward to continued partnership with Taiwan. And while we recognize certainly the international, national situations, of course, with the United the good thing is we have continued that partnership and we want to continue to work with you. So, with that Madam Chair, thank you very much and thank you for your testimony this morning.

Vice Speaker Tina Muña Barnes, Chairperson: You're very welcome, Senator Brown. And if there's no one else in the audience to present oral testimony, I will conclude that Resolution No. 30-37 (COR) is publicly heard. Thank you very, very much. Thank you, Deputy Director.

Chi-Chang "Vincent" Lu - Deputy Director TECO in Guam: Thank you Vice Speaker.

The public hearing was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The author reports on **Resolution No. 30-37 (COR)** - Tina Rose Muña Barnes / Joe S. San Agustin / Frank Blas Jr. / Amanda L. Shelton / Therese M. Terlaje / Roy A. B. Quinata / William A. Parkinson / Telo T. Taitague / Joanne Brown / Jesse A. Lujan

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RELATIVE TO SUPPORTING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)'S PARTICIPATION AS OBSERVER AT THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION'S 76TH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY AND TO REAFFIRM SUPPORT FOR THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)'S PARTICIPATION AS OBSERVER IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTAL SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN

- 2 GUÅHAN:
- WHEREAS, One Hundred and Eleven years ago on October 10, 1911, the
- 4 Republic of China (Taiwan) was founded. The United States of America and the
- 5 Republic of China (Taiwan) have been friends and allies for many years. Throughout
- 6 this time the ties of friendship and the commercial interests of the United States of
- 7 America and the Republic of China (Taiwan) have developed into a strong partnership;
- 8 and

WHEREAS, the freedom and democracy enjoyed by the people of the Republic of China (Taiwan) are clearly demonstrated in the progress and growth of the economy of this great country. In furthering its commitment to freedom and democracy, Taiwan continues to seek representation and meaningful participation in international organizations; and

WHEREAS, in line with the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979, Asia Reassurance Initiative Act of 2018, Taiwan Travel Act of 2018, and the Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of 2019 Guam intends to continue to maintain relationships with one of our closest democratic countries in the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, since April 2008, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* adopted Legislative Resolutions commending the efforts of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to promote World Health and had endorsed Taiwan's observer status in the World Health Assembly. The people of Guam maintained a special Sister-City relationship with the people of Taipei City since 1973, and believe that good health is important to every citizen of the world and believe that access to the highest standard of health information and services is necessary to improve the public health; and

WHEREAS, the preamble of the World Health Organization (WHO) Constitution states that "the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition." Taiwan's twenty-three million five hundred thousand (23,500,000) people wish to attend the WHA as an observer; and have a population that is greater than three-fourths of member states already admitted into the WHO. Because health and disease have no borders, it is in the best interest of the human condition that Taiwan be afforded observership in the WHO in order to benefit from information regarding the prevention, monitoring and cure of epidemic

diseases, prevention of terrorist bio-chemical attacks, and discussions of global health

2 policies; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan's achievement in the field of health is substantial, including one of the highest life expectancy levels in Asia; maternal and infant mortality rates comparable to those of western countries; the eradication of such infectious diseases as cholera, smallpox, and the plague; and being the first nation to eradicate polio and provide children with Hepatitis B vaccinations; and

WHEREAS, Direct and unobstructed participation in international health cooperation forums and programs is beneficial for all parts of the world, especially with today's greater potential for cross-border spread of various infectious diseases such as human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), tuberculosis, malaria, and COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Assembly has allowed observers to participate in activities of the organization, including the Palestine Liberation Organization in 1974, the Order of Malta, and the Holy See in the early 1950s. The United States, in the 1994 Taiwan Policy Review, declared its intention to support Taiwan's participation in appropriate international organizations. U.S. Public Law 106-137 required the Secretary of State to submit a report to the congress on efforts by the executive branch to support Taiwan's participation in international organizations, in particular the WHO; and

WHEREAS, During the G7 Foreign and Development Minister's Meeting in May 2021, the G7 countries comprising of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States, supported the inclusion of Taiwan at the World Health Assembly through a joint communique; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of China (Taiwan) continues to demonstrate incredible assistance to Guam's health system. On March 30, 2022, the JAG TeleCare remote health monitoring platform was donated to the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority to strengthen Guam's telehealth services and expand our network of healthcare coverage for the people of Guam; and

WHEREAS, additionally, knowing that the stray animal population in Guam continues to be a serious situation to our community, a team from the Department of Veterinary Medicine of Taiwan's National Chung Hsing University volunteered their time in August 2022 to a spay and neuter program. The program committed to spay or neuter four hundred (400) animals. The team also lent their expertise, giving lectures at the University of Guam pertaining to responsible pet care and ownership; and

WHEREAS, during the pandemic, 200,000 masks, 900 Pandemic Readiness Kits, and four full-body temperature scanners were secured with the assistance of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Guam (TECO). Furthermore, in January of 2021, with the help of TECO in Guam and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, flights were chartered with China Airlines as a joint humanitarian and medical mission for about 50 passengers each flight. This endeavor was especially beneficial to Guam residents seeking medical treatment off island but have been unable to do so because of the COVID-19 health crisis and canceled direct flights; and

WHEREAS, prior to the pandemic, patients in Guam received life-changing specialized care from hospitals in Taiwan. The China Medical University Hospital in Taichung and Yuan's General Hospital in Kaohsiung are just a few of several hospitals that care for Guam patients. Additionally, the Guam Memorial Hospital maintains a referral hospital relationship with Taiwan Adventist Hospital in Taipei with a memorandum of understanding signed in January 2020. Taiwan Adventist Hospital continues to be supportive of the Guam Memorial Hospital donating personal protective equipment, including face masks and face shields to the GMH in April 2021. Moreover, Taiwan sends physicians to teach the physicians in Guam and to offer support to our medical community; and

WHEREAS, During the House Foreign Affairs Committee Hearing on the Biden Administration Foreign Policy Priorities in March 2021, Secretary of State Antony Blinken testified his commitment to work on including Taiwan at international

1 conferences due to their immense contributions and invaluable technical expertise

during the COVID-19 pandemic. Moreover, President Biden restated the United States

support of Taiwan in the interim National Security Strategic Guidance issued by the

White House on March 2021; and

WHEREAS, Guam further intends to reaffirm and deepen our Sister City relationship with Taipei, Taoyuan, and Taichung by supporting efforts to grant Taiwan participation at international organizations including the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL). Taiwan's participation will promote; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the people of Guam, does hereby express its full support for the government and the people of Taiwan, that they deserve the same level of public health as citizens of every nation on earth, and that we support them in their efforts to achieve its objective to become an observer of the World Health Assembly to be held WHO; and be it further

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the people of Guam, does hereby support granting Taiwan observer status at intergovernmental organizations including the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), which will facilitate greater collaboration and foster peace and security of our global community; and

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General, World Health Organization; to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden President of the United States of America; to the Honorable Anthony Blinken, Secretary of State, United States of America; to the Honorable Xavier

- 1 Becerra, Secretary of Health and Human Services, United States of America; to Her
- 2 Excellency Tsai Ing-wen, President, Republic of China (Taiwan); to His Excellency
- 3 Jaushieh Joseph Wu, Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China
- 4 (Taiwan); to the Honorable Jui-Yuan Hsueh, Minister, Ministry of Health and Welfare,
- 5 Republic of China (Taiwan); to the Honorable Paul Chen, Director General, Taiwan
- 6 Economic and Cultural Office in Guam; to the Honorable António Guterres, Secretary
- 7 General of the United Nations; to the United States Congressional Taiwan Caucus; to
- 8 the Honorable James C. Moylan, Guam's Delegate to the United States Congress; and
- 9 to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Maga'hågan Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÂHAN ON THE DAY OF 2023.

THERESE M. TERLAJE Speaker CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON Legislative Secretary