



Mr. Josep Borrell Fontalles
High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
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In Brussels, 02 September 2020

Dear Mr High representative,

We have received with high concern the statement of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, who used unacceptable threats in connection with the official trip of the Speaker of the Czech Senate Mr. Miloš Vystrčil. He said: ***“We will force him to pay a high price for his short-sighted actions and political opportunism.”***

We believe that the European Union, as a community of democratic and free states, should also support freedom and democracy in the world. Taiwan, despite more than half a century of pressure from communist China, can ensure democracy and prosperity for its citizens. In addition, it is a significant investor and job creator in the European Union. Taiwan was also extremely helpful during current pandemic, providing protective masks and sharing professional information with the world.

We, as the representatives of the European Union, ask you, to protest against the tone of the People's Republic of China's reaction to the free decision of the President of the Czech Senate. We believe in freedom of human being and speech as basic pillars of our society. We are convinced, that strict and on-time reactions to such an issues can help us to prove that we clearly stand behind our values.

Kind regards,

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Co-signatory MEPs

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