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Taiwan - U.S. Policy

The United State's unofficial relationship with Taiwan is governed by our one China policy, the Taiwan Relations Act and the three U.S.-China Joint Communiques. We have made no changes in our longstanding policy aimed at promoting peace, stability, and prosperity in the region.

The United States does not support Taiwan independence and opposes unilateral changes to the status quo by either Taiwan or Beijing. We support dialogue in the interest of achieving a peaceful resolution of cross-Strait differences in a manner that is acceptable to the people on both sides of the Taiwan Strait.

The United States continues to urge both Beijing and Taipei to establish substantive cross-Strait dialogue to the mutual benefit of people on both sides of the Strait. We support expansion of transportation and communication links across the Strait aimed at increasing political, economic, social, and cultural exchanges with a view to increasing mutual understanding and diminishing the chances of miscommunication or misunderstanding.

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