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Regular working relationships with Taiwan

Motion for a resolution
tabled by Mr Markus WIECHEL and other members of the Assembly

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This motion has not been discussed in the Assembly and commits only those who have signed it

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The Parliamentary Assembly has served as a beacon for democracy, human rights, and the rule of law for over 70 years. To advance this mission, it has launched various initiatives to strengthen co-operation and engagement with numerous non-member States and self-governing entities both within and outside Europe.

As a result, countries such as Canada, Israel, and Mexico currently hold observer status with the Assembly. The Assembly also grants special guest status to the parliaments of European non-member applicant States. Furthermore, it extends partnership for democracy status to countries such as Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, and the Palestinian National Council.

Over the years, many non-European countries and self-governing entities have participated in conferences focusing on issues central to the Council of Europe and its Assembly. Collaboration among democracies is essential for upholding our core values.

However, the territorial entity of Taiwan has rarely, if ever, been invited to engage in the activities of the Council of Europe or the Assembly. This is noteworthy, especially considering that Taiwan is a thriving self-governing democracy committed to human rights and the rule of law. Taiwan has expressed a sincere desire to strengthen its ties with the broader democratic world, which would be advantageous given its potential as a role model.

In conclusion, the Assembly should establish regular working relationships with the Parliament of Taiwan and invite it to become an observer to the Assembly.

Signed (see overleaf)

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