

to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on International Relations [now Committee on Foreign Affairs] of the House of Representatives upon the issuance of the directives.”

#### CHAPTER 48—TAIWAN RELATIONS

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#### § 3301. Congressional findings and declaration of policy

##### (a) Findings

The President having terminated governmental relations between the United States and the governing authorities on Taiwan recognized by the United States as the Republic of China prior to January 1, 1979, the Congress finds that the enactment of this chapter is necessary—

- (1) to help maintain peace, security, and stability in the Western Pacific; and
- (2) to promote the foreign policy of the United States by authorizing the continuation of commercial, cultural, and other relations between the people of the United States and the people on Taiwan.

##### (b) Policy

It is the policy of the United States—

- (1) to preserve and promote extensive, close, and friendly commercial, cultural, and other relations between the people of the United States and the people on Taiwan, as well as the people on the China mainland and all other peoples of the Western Pacific area;
- (2) to declare that peace and stability in the area are in the political, security, and economic interests of the United States, and are matters of international concern;
- (3) to make clear that the United States decision to establish diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China rests upon the expectation that the future of Taiwan will be determined by peaceful means;
- (4) to consider any effort to determine the future of Taiwan by other than peaceful means, including by boycotts or embargoes, a threat to the peace and security of the Western Pacific area and of grave concern to the United States;
- (5) to provide Taiwan with arms of a defensive character; and

(6) to maintain the capacity of the United States to resist any resort to force or other forms of coercion that would jeopardize the security, or the social or economic system, of the people on Taiwan.

##### (c) Human rights

Nothing contained in this chapter shall contravene the interest of the United States in human rights, especially with respect to the human rights of all the approximately eighteen million inhabitants of Taiwan. The preservation and enhancement of the human rights of all the people on Taiwan are hereby reaffirmed as objectives of the United States.

(Pub. L. 96-8, § 2, Apr. 10, 1979, 93 Stat. 14.)

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 96-8, § 18, Apr. 10, 1979, 93 Stat. 21, provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter] shall be effective as of January 1, 1979.”

##### SHORT TITLE OF 2020 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 116-260, div. FF, title III, § 311, Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 3099, provided that: “This subtitle [subtitle B (§§ 311-315) of title III of div. FF of Pub. L. 116-260, enacting provisions set out as a note below] may be cited as the ‘Taiwan Assurance Act of 2020.’”

##### SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 96-8, § 1, Apr. 10, 1979, 93 Stat. 14, provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Taiwan Relations Act.’”

##### STATEMENT OF POLICY AND SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

Pub. L. 117-81, div. A, title XII, §§ 1246, 1247, Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 1986, 1987, provided that:

##### “SEC. 1246. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON TAIWAN DEFENSE RELATIONS.

“It is the sense of Congress that—

“(1) the Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96-8; 22 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.) and the Six Assurances provided by the United States to Taiwan in July 1982 are the foundation for United States-Taiwan relations;

“(2) as set forth in the Taiwan Relations Act, the United States decision to establish diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China rests upon the expectation that the future of Taiwan will be determined by peaceful means, and that any effort to determine the future of Taiwan by other than peaceful means, including boycotts and embargoes, is of grave concern to the United States;

“(3) the increasingly coercive and aggressive behavior of the People's Republic of China towards Taiwan is contrary to the expectation of a peaceful resolution of the future of Taiwan;

“(4) as set forth in the Taiwan Relations Act, the capacity of the United States to resist any resort to force or other forms of coercion that would jeopardize the security, or the social or economic system, of the people on Taiwan and the policy of the United States to make available to Taiwan such defense articles and defense services in such quantities as may be necessary to enable Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capability should be maintained; and

“(5) the United States should continue to support the development of capable, ready, and modern defense forces necessary for Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capability, including by—

“(A) supporting acquisition by Taiwan of defense articles and services through foreign military sales, direct commercial sales, and industrial cooperation, with an emphasis on capabilities that support the asymmetric defense strategy of Taiwan;