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“Collaboration in a Polarized World: Hope for the Future?”

A Research Report

COMMITTEE: Political

QUESTION OF: The Sovereignty of Taiwan and Its Status in the International Community

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Introduction & Background

Nestled beneath the ever expanding reaches of the People’s Republic of China is the much disputed island nation of Taiwan. Formally recognizing itself as the Republic of China, Taiwan’s government differs significantly from that of the People’s Republic of China (PRC/China). The Republic of China has acted independently of The PRC since 1949 but an intentionally vague convention, known as the “One China Policy,” makes dispelling contradicting interpretations of Taiwan’s rightful governing body difficult. Taiwan’s status is a topic of significant debate between legislatures in Taipei and Beijing. To prove itself as the rightful ruler of Taiwan the PRC cites an agreement known as the 1992 Consensus. The pact, negotiated between the communist government of China and the former ruling party of Taiwan, adjudicated that only “one China” exists. But within the agreement are clauses rife with confusion such that differing interpretations are possible regarding the entity which is China’s legitimate government. Both Taiwan and China practice “strategic ambiguity” by adhering to the pact. This practice confuses and precludes a global consensus on the status of Taiwan in the international community.

Three/Four Key Questions About Your Topic (See examples for clarity)

Should nations prioritize their economy over the sovereignty of another country?

Should the United Nations accept Taiwan as a nation independent of China?

What is the value in supporting China's claim to Taiwan?

How would the United Nations address the risks involved with denying China's appeal for Taiwan?

Past Efforts To Solve This Problem

While no efforts past the 1992 Consensus to clarify the status of Taiwan exist, precedent for a such an agreement can be found in the nations divided by World War II. Germany coalesced around a proposal for dual recognition in 1973. The United Nations also recognized the dual existence of both North and South Korea in 1991.

Possible Solutions

Works Cited

(Include links so delegates may use them for further research.)

[Unpacking the China-Taiwan Relationship](#)

[Why The Taiwan Issue Is So Dangerous](#)

[United States and the One China Policy](#)

