Should Taiwan be allowed to join the United Nations?

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One● Introduction
Taiwan should be allowed to join the United Nations. Since about 2000, Taiwan has been applying unsuccessfully to join the United Nations. According to the United Nations’ principles, every peaceful country willing to support the mission of the United Nations should have the right to join (UN). Therefore, there is no reason to block Taiwan from membership in the United Nations. By writing this paper, I wish I can make the readers to stand out justice and support Taiwan to join the United Nations.

Two● Body
1. Background information:
Taiwan was one of the founded members of the United Nations (Wang). However, “On October 25, 1971, according to the United Nations’ 2758th resolution, the People's Republic of China was admitted to the United Nations in place of the Republic of China” (Shen, Peizhi). The problem is that both the government of the People's Republic of China and the government of Taiwan claim to be the legitimate government of China. The government of Taiwan formed in 1949 when the Nationalist Chinese forces lost a civil war with the Communist Chinese. The Nationalist fled to the island of Formosa and established the government of Taiwan (Republic of China). At the same time in mainland China, the Communists formed a new government called the People’s Republic of China. When Communist China applied to be one of the members in the United Nations, the United Nations supported the membership of Communist China, and Taiwan could not stay in the United Nations any more. As a member of the United Nations, Communist China has blocked Taiwan from the United Nations and other international organizations (China).

2. Why doesn’t the United Nations allow Taiwan to join it?
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3. Taiwan is an independent country; therefore, Taiwan should be allowed to join the United Nations.

But, Taiwan is not a part of China because; the statesmen at the Cairo Conference agreed that Taiwan should be returned by Japan, they did not sign the agreement (Shen, Jiande). Therefore, when Japan gave up the right to govern Taiwan, Taiwan became an island without any sovereign right until 1949. Also, it is obvious that Taiwan has been a separated independent country from China since the Nationalist Chinese government moved to Taiwan and Communist China formed a new government. As a result, Taiwan should be allowed to join the United Nations because it is an independent country.

4. Being a Taiwanese, I think Taiwan definitely should be allowed to be the member of United Nations.

Being a Taiwanese, I think it is really necessary for Taiwan to join the United Nations and Taiwan definitely has the right to join. “Taiwan is the 14th largest trading state, the United States’ fifth-largest trading partner and Japan’s second-largest export market, and a rich country possessing one of the world’s largest foreign exchange reserves” (Young). Also, Taiwan runs a large trade surplus; its foreign reserves are among the world’s largest and its GDP grows 5.7% per year (The World Facebook). Moreover, although Taiwan is small, it has a huge population. The population in Taiwan is about 23,000,000 people, equal the populations of at least 49 countries in the United Nations (Chen, Longzhi). These facts show that although Taiwan is small, it is still a powerful nation which does not rely on Communist China. Therefore, I think the United Nations should not deny Taiwan its right to join the United Nations.

Three● Conclusion

Being a powerful member in the United Nations, the United States does not support Taiwan to join the United Nations because of the idea of having only on China. In September, 2008, the United States Mission to the United Nations clearly declared for the first time that they strongly support Taiwan to meaningfully participate in the United Nations Specialized agency.
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At the same time, European Union stated the similar declaration, too. These declarations are the big progress of Taiwan’s diplomacy. However, in the declaration of the United Nations, it also pointed out that the United States does not support Taiwan to join the United Nations but only supports Taiwan to join the organizations that do not need the qualification of being an independent country by coordinating China’s policy (Zhang). The United States cannot support Taiwan to join the United Nations and continue to follow the one China rule because China keeps pressuring the United States (How).

I think the United Nations should not be controlled by China, it ought to follow its own principles and protect Taiwan’s rights. Taiwan is an independent country; it deserves the right to be a member of the United Nations. The United Nations must not continue to deny the rights of 23,000,000 Taiwanese.

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