



SOCIALIST MOVEMENT OF GHANA (SMG)

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SOLIDARITY STATEMENT

The Socialist Movement of Ghana would like to state that there is only one China, and that Beijing is its capital. The territory of Taiwan is an inseparable part of the Peoples Republic of China. It is not a country recognized by the UN. It will one day be reunited with the PRC, hopefully through peaceful and democratic means. The timing and management of these processes are entirely up to the People of China themselves.

SMG is therefore appalled by the latest provocation by the United States of America in its desperate efforts to contain China and rebuild its faltering neo-colonial empire. We condemn the US for again bringing the world to the brink of nuclear war and risking millions of lives for internal political purposes. We call on the government of Ghana and the African Union to speak unequivocally in defence of China's sovereign rights.

We reject entirely the hypocritical sleight of hand that the US uses to "excuse" its misconduct. On the one hand, along with the rest of the world, the US formally accepts the One-China policy and the body of international law and practice that has built up over a century about Taiwan. On the other hand, the US seeks to suggest that its Congress has autonomy in these matters and can legitimately command US forces to commit hostile acts against sovereign states. In other words the US is not a State. Ongoing power struggles within US establishment do not absolve the executive Branch (i.e. President Biden) from responsibility for US foreign policy decisions. Civilisation will hold Biden accountable for his abject failure to provide leadership in this and similar situations.

We reject also the specious grounds offered by Speaker Pelosi to justify her invasion of China's sovereign territory. She and the US congress have no right to impose the US' hypocritical interpretation of "human Rights" on others. China in the last 40 years has lifted 800million people out of absolute poverty. What comparable Human Rights achievement does the US have to show the world? If the US is so concerned about the sanctity of Human Rights it should correct the many flagrant historical and ongoing injustices against its former slaves and prisoners of African descent. It should cease its unwelcome occupation of Guantanamo Bay and the Chagos Islands (to name a few). It should halt its assassinations of citizens in other parts of the world. It should pull its troops out of Africa. It should stop supporting the destruction of Ukraine. The US must come to terms with the seething class struggle raging within its borders. It cannot continue to use Europe and Asia and Africa to distract its citizens from rank injustices at home. The United Nations has not appointed the US the world's

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policeman. Nobody is impressed with US efforts to pass its military might off as virtue. It should leave the peoples of the world to resolve our own problems.

The Socialist Movement of Ghana supports china's efforts at safeguarding its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

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