

## **CoD YouthLeads Statement on Taiwan for the International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace**

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In commemoration of the International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace, the Community of Democracies' YouthLeads reaffirm their commitment to promoting democratic values worldwide. Amidst challenges posed by authoritarian regimes, testing democracy's resilience and security globally, YouthLeads unite, advocating for the acknowledgment and support of Taiwan as a democratic nation through diplomacy and multilateral engagement.

The YouthLeads firmly believe in the values that underpin democracy, such as human rights, fundamental freedoms, rule of law and equality, which are essential for fostering lasting peace. Taiwan has exemplified these through its democratic governance, showcasing resilience, innovation, and a strong commitment to the ideals they pursue. In the realm of youth participation, Taiwan has pioneered several effective practices that can serve as models for adoption by other nations.

Acknowledging Taiwan as a democratic nation is not only a testament to its remarkable achievements in upholding democratic values, but also a step towards realizing political equality on the international scale. This ensures that all nations, including Taiwan, are authentically represented and respected in the global democratic agenda.

As passionate advocates for democratic ideals, the YouthLeads encourage the international community to embrace Taiwan's democratic journey and offer a wholehearted support in affirming its rightful place in international forums for their dedication to democratic principles and the promotion of peace through diplomacy and multilateral cooperation.

