

Rt. Hon Liz Truss MP  
House of Commons  
Westminster  
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Dear Ms Truss,

Congratulations on reaching the final stage of the Conservative Party leadership contest.

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chief Executive of the Taiwan Policy Centre. We are a think-tank and campaign group which operates in both the UK and Taiwan. You can find out more about us at our website, [www.taiwanpolicycentre.com](http://www.taiwanpolicycentre.com)

I am writing this letter in light of the recent focus on your position with regards to the UK's relationship with the People's Republic of China (PRC).

As Foreign Secretary, your comments in support of Taiwan, both in your Mansion House speech of 27<sup>th</sup> April and at the NATO Public Forum panel session in June have not gone unnoticed. We were greatly encouraged to see a British Foreign Secretary speak out about the threats currently being posed to Taiwan by the People's Republic of China.

[Writing in the Spectator](#) yesterday, James Forsyth rightly described Taiwan as "the most important geo-strategic issue of this decade." Yet when the Conservative Government in which you are currently responsible for foreign policy, published its [Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy](#), Taiwan was not mentioned once.

I am therefore writing to ask you to clearly state what the UK's policy towards Taiwan will be if your leadership campaign is successful. Specifically, I would like to ask your response to the following eight questions:

1. What steps will your government take to deter a PRC invasion of Taiwan?
2. How will your government help Taiwan to acquire the military equipment and expertise it needs to defend itself against the threat of invasion?
3. If the PRC were to invade Taiwan while you were Prime Minister, what would your government's response be?
4. What will your government's position be on the 'One China' policy?
5. What steps will your government take to assist Taiwan's participation in international bodies where its 23 million people are currently unrepresented?

6. Will your government support Taiwan's application to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) should the UK's own application be successful?
7. Will Ministerial visits to and from Taiwan be permitted under your government?
8. Do you agree that the Taiwanese people have the right to self-determination under the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, and that they alone should decide what the future of Taiwan and their relationship with the PRC should be?

I would be more than happy to meet with you or a member of your team to discuss these questions and the UK's relationship with Taiwan in more detail.

I would be grateful if you could provide a response to these questions by no later than 5pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August. Please send your response to me directly at [ds@taiwanpolicycentre.com](mailto:ds@taiwanpolicycentre.com).

Please note that the same set of questions have also been posed to your rival in the leadership contest.

I look forward to your response.



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