

Rt. Hon Rishi Sunak MP
House of Commons
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Tuesday 26th July 2022

Dear Mr Sunak,

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

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).

Yesterday, [you described the PRC](#) as “the largest threat to Britain and the world's security and prosperity” and pledged to “close all 30 of China's Confucius Institutes in the UK”, “build a new international alliance of free nations to tackle Chinese cyber-threats and share best practice in technology security”, “counter Chinese industrial espionage”, and “prevent Chinese acquisitions of key British assets”.

All of these pledges are welcome and necessary. But there was one notable omission from your five-point strategy towards the PRC; Taiwan.

[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 of which you were, until recently, a senior member, published its [Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy](#), Taiwan was not mentioned once.

I am therefore writing to ask you to state clearly 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 19th August. Please send your response to me directly at 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.

Kind Regards,



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