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## Sovereign But Lonely

Taiwan currently has diplomatic relations with 11 UN Member States and The Vatican (Holy See). They are:

Guatemala

Eswatini

Belize

Paraguay

Marshall Islands

St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Saint Kitts and Nevis

The Holy See

Tuvalu

Saint Lucia

Palau

Haiti

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## Taiwan And the U.N.

Taiwan's 23.8 million people are not represented in any UN body.

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## The World Health Organisation (WHO)

- Taiwan barred from WHO 1971 to 2009.
- Taiwan held observer status at WHO under name Chinese Taipei 2009 to 2016
- Taiwan barred from the WHO 2016 to Present (At the behest of the PRC after the election of a DPP Government in 2016).
- Taiwan informed WHO of COVID-19 human-to-human transmission in Wuhan, PRC on 31st December 2019
- The WHO did not reply to the Taiwanese Government's letter.
- G7 2021 Joint Communiqué called for Taiwan's "meaningful participation in WHO Forums and the World Health Assembly".

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## Memberships & Exclusions

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## A COVID19 Warning

On 31st December 2019, the Taiwanese Government wrote to the WHO warning of human-to-human transmission of a highly contagious strain of pneumonia in Wuhan, China. The correspondence was ignored because the WHO does not correspond with the ROC.

In the G7 Joint Communique issued in 2021 after the summit at Carbis Bay in Cornwall, the leaders explicitly said, “We support Taiwan’s meaningful participation in WHO forums and the World Health Assembly.” This statement was ignored by the WHO and Taiwan was once again excluded.

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