

**Question for written answer E-002615/2018  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Taiwan's participation in the 71st World Health Assembly and the WHO

From 2009 to 2016, Taiwan was invited each year by the World Health Organization (WHO) to attend the World Health Assembly (WHA) as an observer, but it was excluded from the 70th WHA held last year. To date, the Taiwanese Ministry of Health and Welfare has not received an invitation from the WHO Secretariat to this year's assembly. Taiwan's participation in the WHO technical meetings has also been restricted.

Supporting Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organisations is in line with the opinions expressed in the European Parliament resolution on the Annual Report on the implementation of the CFSP in 2017<sup>1</sup> and its resolutions on EU-China relations in 2015<sup>2</sup> and 2013<sup>3</sup>.

1. What is the VP/HR's view of Taiwan's exclusion from the WHA?
2. Is the VP/HR prepared to take any concrete action to ensure that Taiwan will be able to participate in this year's assembly and the WHO technical meetings?

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<sup>1</sup> Texts adopted, P8\_TA(2017)0493

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 399, 24.11.2017, p. 92

<sup>3</sup> Texts adopted, P7\_TA(2013)0097