

**Question for written answer E-000604/2020  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Exclusion of Taiwan from the World Health Organisation

170 people have died so far in China as a result of the coronavirus outbreak, a virus which has already spread to 18 countries and infected more than 7 000 people.

Given its role as a geographical 'hub' in East Asia and its proximity to China, Taiwan is on the front line when it comes to the spreading of the virus.

However, Taiwan was not invited to the World Health Organisation's meeting of experts on 22 January and its contributions have been systematically boycotted by China, despite constant appeals by its experts to become involved.

The exclusion of Taiwan undermines the efforts made to stem this public health crisis.

Therefore, could the Commission answer the following question:

What steps does the EU intend to take in the framework of its relationship with the World Health Organisation to prevent Taiwan from being excluded?