

Question for written answer E-000528/2023/rev.1

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Statement by the Chinese ambassador to the EU

The Chinese ambassador to the EU, Fu Cong, recently made remarks on EU-Taiwan relations in an interview organised by the European Policy Center. In the interview, he stated that the European Economic Community (EEC) in 1975 had promised China that it would never sign any agreement with Taiwan and he warned the EU that signing an investment agreement with Taiwan would be deeply harmful to EU-China relations. He also criticised the visits to Taiwan by some senior EU officials and MEPs.

The remarks made by the Chinese ambassador are highly inappropriate and also misleading about the true nature of the EU-Taiwan relationship. It is important that false statements are debunked and the Commission clarifies that the current EU policy on Taiwan is coherent with a bilateral EU-Taiwan investment agreement.

1. What actions will the Vice-President / High Representative take to debunk the false statements from the Chinese ambassador regarding the EU's Taiwan policy and the possibilities of a bilateral investment agreement with Taiwan?
2. What actions will the VP/HR take to counter the inappropriate criticism from the Chinese ambassador concerning EU officials and MEPs visiting Taiwan?

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