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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Borrell i Fontelles
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The EU position on Taiwan and cross-strait relations has been clearly stated in High Representative/Vice-President's speeches in the European Parliament and in EU documents. While remaining committed to its One China policy, the EU engages with Taiwan, a like-minded and economic partner, and supports its system of governance based on democracy and the respect of human rights, its open society and market economy.

As part of its One China Policy, the EU will continue expressing concerns at the rising tensions in cross-strait relations. Maintaining stability and freedom of navigation in the Taiwan Strait is key for the EU's and global economy, prosperity and security. Therefore, the EU will not compromise on its efforts to preserve the status quo in the Strait. Any differences should be resolved exclusively by peaceful means. The threat or use of force to unilaterally change the status quo is not acceptable.

The EU will continue engaging with partners to uphold peace, stability and international law. The EU will also continue raising with China the importance of maintaining the status quo as any further deterioration or conflict would have a huge global impact.