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Mr. Brent Scowcroft  
Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs  
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17th St. & Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Brent:

At the GATT Council meeting this week, the Council Chairman reportedly will announce the formation of a working group on Taiwan's GATT application.

The formation of the working group is merely the first step towards securing Taiwan's GATT membership. The Chairman's statement outlines the key issues to be resolved. It is a starting point, but fundamental issues remain outstanding. Throughout the upcoming months, it is critical that the United States assume a leadership role in supporting Taiwan.

Most importantly, the working party reports on Taiwan and the P.R.C. must be considered independently. The GATT is an organization of market economies. If the current bilateral trade talks between the United States and the P.R.C. are an indicator, it may take many years for the P.R.C. to reach a level of GATT compatibility. Taiwan should not have to wait.

Congressional support for Taiwan's GATT application is strong and bipartisan. It is outrageous that the P.R.C. -- not even a GATT member -- is allowed to exercise de facto veto power over Taiwan's membership.

Taiwan is the world's 13th largest trading nation. It is in the strong U.S. interest to bind Taiwan to the GATT's disciplines. I urge you to redouble your efforts in gaining Taiwan's accession to the GATT.

Sincerely,



cc: Ambassador Carla Hills  
Acting Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger