

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

Between the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT)

And

**The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States
(TECRO)**

**Governing Cooperation, on the Basis of Reciprocity, Including the Posting
of AIT Representatives at Seaports in Taiwan**

Recognizing the long-standing close and productive relations between the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO), through their respective designated representatives, the United States Customs and Border Protection and the Taiwan Customs Administration;

Being convinced that this cooperation can be further improved by intensifying the exchange of information and best practices between the Designated Representatives of AIT and TECRO;

Recognizing the high volume of trade between seaports in Taiwan and seaports in the United States of America, and Taiwan's role as an intermodal transport hub for cargo originating in many countries;

Being convinced that there is a need to deter, prevent, and interdict any terrorist attempt to disrupt global trade or make use of commercial shipping to further their own schemes; and

Supporting the Container Security Initiative, which is designed to safeguard global maritime trade by enhancing cooperation at seaports worldwide to identify and examine high-risk containers and ensure their in-transit integrity;

Being convinced that the Container Security Initiative will be conducive to trade facilitation;

AIT and TECRO:

COME TO THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:

To intensify Customs co-operation within the framework of the Customs Mutual Assistance Agreement signed in Washington, D.C. on January 17, 2001;

To exchange information and work closely together through their Designated Representatives to help ensure the identification, screening, and sealing of high risk containers at the earliest possible opportunity;

To jointly work out a practical arrangement whereby an agreed number of personnel of AIT's designated representative, the United States Customs and Border Protection, may be present, on a pilot basis, at seaports in Taiwan. Likewise, TECRO may have personnel of its designated representative, the Taiwan Customs Administration, present at certain U.S. seaports in the future. The personnel of the designated representatives of AIT and TECRO are expected to respect the laws and guidelines of the authorities of the territories represented by AIT and TECRO.

To consult closely through their Designated Representatives on the implementation of this program, to ensure continued effectiveness and mutual benefit of Customs cooperation.

Signed on September 22, 2006, in Washington, D.C. in the English language.

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