

Jaushieh Joseph Wu, Anna Fotyga, and Reinhard Bütikofer discussed the defense of Taiwan against Chinese aggression at the Forum 2000 Conference.

This year's Forum 2000 Conference titled "Democracy's Clear and Present Danger: How Do We Respond?" took place at the Prague Congress Centre on August 31 - September 2, 2022.

How can world democracies and global civil society discourage PCR from aggression and protect Taiwan's democracy? This topic was discussed on the last day of the Conference by Jaushieh Joseph Wu, Taiwan's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Reinhard Bütikofer, Chair of the European Parliament Delegation for Relations with the People's Republic of China, Anna Fotyga, member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament, and Martin Hála Founder and Director of Sinopsis.

"We are facing unprecedented deployment of Chinese forces by the coast of Taiwan. World autocracies unite against our values. People of Taiwan know what it means to be bullied. Taiwan will continue to develop its asymmetric capacity. Chinese ambitions go far beyond Taiwan. We must take collective actions to stop this threat," stated minister Wu.

According to Reinhard Bütikofer, *"NATO said in Madrid that PCR is a threat for our values and our democratic way of life. The tragedy of Ukraine cannot be repeated in East Asia. We must discourage PCR from entering Taiwan. We must make clear so that Beijing knows it will have to pay very high price for entering Taiwan."*

Anna Fotyga added that *"we must bring Taiwan into the WTO (World Trade Organisation) as soon as possible, as a measure to protect Taiwan. Europe cannot defend itself without USA. Transatlantic partnership must be stronger and must understand the threat of PCR."*

Recordings from the panel discussion are available to the general public on social media through Forum 2000 Foundation website. Here is the link: <https://www.forum2000.cz/en/projects/democracys-clear-and-present-danger-how-do-we-respond>

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