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# A critical stop and go situation between PRC and Taiwan

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A gathering to commemorate the 40th anniversary of issuing Message to Compatriots in Taiwan has been held at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, Jan. 2, 2019. According to Xinhua Press Agency, Chinese President Xi Jinping, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and Chairman of the Central Military Commission, delivered a speech at this gathering.

Taiwan is "part of China's internal politics", so any "foreign interference is intolerable," said furthermore Chinese President Xi Jinping . http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-01/02/c_137714090.htm
As commander in chief of the People's Liberation Army, Xi made also an ambiguous allusion to the use of military power to resolve the issue. In 1979 the China of Deng Xiaoping announced the suspension of the bombings on the nationalist bases in the Strait and started the dialogue. Beijing is always willing of a peaceful reunification, Xi stated, proposing to launch a "democratic consultation", and this part of the speech seemed clearly an essential factor in peace-building.

But he left no doubt about the resolve to reach the goal anyway without "leaving room for any form of independentist and separatist activity in Taiwan". And here came the hardest passage of the new message: "We do not make any promises to renounce the use of force, we maintain the option to resort to every necessary measure", in the face of external intervention or separatist tears.
http://www.taipeitimes.com/News/front/archives/2019/01/03/2003707245
A wave of applause hailed this double warning of Xi: to the US, which in the Donald Trump era have launched signals of political and military support to the island and to the Taiwanese president Tsai Ing-wen, who comes from the separatist party.

China must use peaceful means to resolve its differences with Taiwan and respect its democratic values - in this way Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen answered to the speech about the island by Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing.
China has accentuated its pressure on Tsai since she took office in 2016, blocking off dialogue, amputating Taiwan’s few remaining diplomatic allies and forcing foreign airlines to list Taiwan as part of China on their websites. China worries Tsai wishes to push for Taiwan’s formal independence, though Tsai says she wants to maintain the status quo, also if Beijing has regularly sent military aircraft and ships to circle the island on maneuvers.

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In a new year's speech at the presidential office in Taipei, Tsai said the two sides of the Taiwan Strait needed a pragmatic understanding of the basic differences that exist between them in terms of values and political systems.
"Here, I would like to call on China to face squarely the reality of the existence of the Republic of China on Taiwan," Tsai said, referring to the island's formal name, Reuters Agency reported from Taipei.

https://www.reuters.com/article/us-taiwan-china/taiwan-tells-china-to-use-peaceful-means-to-resolve-differences-idUSKCN1OV196
On the other side, Liu Jieyi, head of China's Taiwan Affairs Office, said in his new year's message they had not wavered last year in the face of "deliberate provocations" from Taiwan's government.
Last but not least, to the present day, Democratic Taiwan has shown no interest in being ruled by People's Republic of China.

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