

TAIWANESE APPEAL FOR JUSTICE

RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE PARTICIPANTS OF
the 1978 Taiwanese Convention for
"A Bright Future for Taiwan"

Massanetta Springs, Virginia, U.S.A.
August 21-25, 1978

We overseas Taiwanese, the participants of the 1978 Taiwanese Convention, reaffirm in solidarity our commitment to the cause of self-determination for the future of Taiwan and our support of actions for political freedom and democratization in Taiwan. Our resolutions are stated as follows:

- In view of the unique history, tradition, and identity of Taiwanese, we endorse the proclamation of the Taiwanese as a separate people from the Chinese, and Taiwan as a new and independent nation.
- In view of Chiang Ching-kuo's self-claimed legitimacy as representing the government of China, we denounce this political myth and support the currently amassing force of resistance in Taiwan against the one-party minority rule of the Nationalist regime in Taipei.
- In view of escalating political persecution, arrests, and censorship against human rights activists in Taiwan, we urge all parties concerned to take action in support of human rights in Taiwan, as they have done in other parts of the world.
- In view of the "Taiwan issue," which may be raised at normalization of relations between the governments of Washington and Peking, we reassert that Taiwan is not a part of China, and, therefore, the future of Taiwan should be settled by the Taiwanese themselves, and not by the Chinese.
- In view of a possible sell-out of Taiwan by Chiang Ching-kuo, we shall denounce any pacts, treaties, or declarations made between Chiang and any other governments.