

**Instances of Mainland China's Interference with Taiwan's International Presence, 2011**

1.	February	In a raid by a joint task force formed by the Philippine National Bureau of Investigation and mainland China's Ministry of Public Security, 14 Taiwanese nationals suspected of cross-border fraud were arrested on December 27, 2010. After the mainland Chinese embassy pressured the Philippine Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice, and related law enforcement agencies, the Philippines agreed to deport them to Beijing on a plane sent especially by mainland China. The Philippine government went to great lengths to keep the case concealed from Taiwan's representative office in Manila.
2.	January	When mainland China's People's Bank of China joined the South East Asian Central Banks (SEACEN) in January, the membership name of the Central Bank of the Republic of China (ROC, Taiwan) was unilaterally and arbitrarily changed to Central Bank, Chinese Taipei. The bank immediately protested, expressing its deep disappointment. However, after ensuring that its rights and interests within the organization would not be affected, it nonetheless decided to take a pragmatic approach and participate in all SEACEN activities.
3.	April to June	Mainland China's embassy in South Africa pressured Chinese language media in the country to refer to events held by overseas compatriot groups to celebrate the centennial of the founding of the Republic of China as the centennial of the 1911 revolution.
4.	May	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The media in Taiwan revealed that an internal memo from the WHO secretariat referred to the country as Taiwan, China, as well as Taiwan, Province of China.</li> <li>2. On May 16 in Geneva, Taiwan's Minister of Health Chiu Wen-ta firmly conveyed</li> </ol>

		Taiwan's position to the WHO legal advisor, and lodged a written protest. During his speech at the WHA on May 18, Minister Chiu expressed the hope that the practice and arrangements of the WHA model would be applied to other WHO meetings, mechanisms, information sources and documentation, so that relevant procedures and terminology would be consistent with the practice in the WHA.
5.	May 18	During a press conference at the Pentagon with Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staffs, Admiral Mike Mullen, Chief of the General Staff of mainland China's People's Liberation Army, Chen Bingde, responded to a reporter's question by saying that Taiwan is a part of mainland Chinese territory, so why would it need US weapon sales to guarantee its security? He also said that applying the Taiwan Relations Act, which is a domestic US law, to interfere in another country's domestic affairs was hegemonic behavior. He added that the situation across the Taiwan Strait had undergone fundamental changes over the last several decades, that any attempt to use Taiwan to contain mainland China's development would be futile, and that a number of members of Congress thought it was time for the US to review the Taiwan Relations Act.
6.	July 28	During the 45th Asian Bodybuilding and Fitness Championship, mainland China demanded that the organizers not fly the ROC national flag. After stern protests from Taiwan's delegation, and given that all the contestants from mainland China were knocked out on the first day, the national flag was flown throughout the event.

7.	August	One month before a team from the Department of Baking Technology and Management at Kaohsiung University of Hospitality was due to take part in the third iteration of the World of Bread (Mondial du Pain) baking contest in Saint Etienne, France, the organizers sent a letter explaining that, due to protests from mainland China, the team would have to participate under the name Taiwan Region instead of Taiwan. After Ambassador Michael Ching-long Lu, Taiwan's representative to France, communicated with the organizers, the team was eventually able to take part using the original designation of Taiwan.
8.	October 27	To mark the opening of the Taiwan pavilion in the 2011 Brunei TechXpo, Brunei's Minister of Communications, Pehin Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdullah, and the Chairman of InfoCom Federation Brunei, ABD Ghani Pg Hj Metusin, jointly held a ribbon-cutting ceremony. However, mainland Chinese embassy staff present at the ceremony warned the throngs of media covering the event not to publish any related news or images.
9.	December	When advisor to the government of Nicaragua, Paul Oquist, mentioned Taiwan in a speech given in his capacity as head of the Nicaraguan delegation during the 17th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, mainland Chinese delegates made gestures to prevent him from speaking.
10.	December 14	In Geneva, mainland China and four major cotton-producing countries in Africa—including one of Taiwan's diplomatic allies, Burkina Faso—released a joint press communiqué on cotton cooperation.