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STATEMENT BY SENATOR EDMUND S. MUSKIE

ON U.N. - CHINA VOTE

October 26, 1971

The United Nations has taken a responsible action insofar as it has admitted Peking to the U.N. -- a government that represents 800 million people. At the same time, I very much regret that a formula could not be found to seat both Peking and Taipei in the General Assembly. I do not think it is reasonable to terminate the membership of a government while it continues to represent 15 million people.

While I disagree with the action of the General Assembly, I do not believe it is useful to speak of lessening our support of the U.N. I believe the U.N. and its activities are still very much in American interests -- and for that matter in the interests of the people living on Taiwan. That is why I have joined 31 other Senators in a letter to Ambassador Bush expressing Senatorial support for the United Nations and for continuing American participation in the organization.

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