

《非洲岛国圣多美和普林西比与台湾断交》

导读:圣多美和普林西比政府已与台湾断绝外交关系，中国欢迎该非洲岛国决定“回到一个中国原则的正确轨道上”。



The government of Sao Tome and Principe has cut diplomatic ties with Taiwan, officials said.

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China welcomed the decision by the African island nation saying it was "back onto the correct path of the One China principle".

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Taiwan's foreign ministry condemned the move, alleging Sao tome demanded a huge amount of financial support.

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The "One China" principle insists that there is only one China in the world and that Taiwan is a part of it.

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The move comes just over a week after comments by US president-elect Donald Trump that the US did not have to abide by the One China policy - the diplomatic acknowledgement by the US of the One China principle.

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The move means only 21 countries and governments, including Swaziland and Guatemala, still maintain official ties with Taiwan.

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Sao Tome suspended ties with China in 1997, after choosing to officially recognise Taiwan.

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Any country that wants diplomatic relations with mainland Beijing must break official ties with Taipei, leading to Taiwan's diplomatic isolation from the international community.

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Taiwanese Foreign Minister David Lee alleged on Wednesday that Sao Tome was demanding "an astronomical amount of financial help," without providing further details.

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"We think the Beijing government should not use Sao Tome's financing black hole ... as an opportunity to push its 'One China' principle," Mr Lee said on Wednesday.

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"This behaviour is not helpful to a smooth cross-strait relationship."

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China has not said whether it will now establish diplomatic ties with the West African state.

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