

Why is the one-China principle so fundamental?

Just as the Estonian Constitution stipulates that “The independence and sovereignty of Estonia are timeless and inalienable”, Chinese people also value China’s sovereignty and territorial integrity. On October 1, 1949, the People's Republic of China replaced the Republic of China, and the Central People’s Government became the only legitimate government of the whole of China, while China’s inherent territory did not change. China's sovereignty and territory have never been divided and will never be divided.

Adhering to the one-China principle, which means recognizing that there is but one China in the world, Taiwan is an inalienable part of China and the Government of the People’s Republic of China is the sole legal government representing the whole of China, and undertaking the obligation not to establish formal or official relations in any form with Taiwan, is the prerequisite and political foundation for any country to establish diplomatic relations with China, including Estonia. To date, 183 countries have established diplomatic relations with China on the basis of the one-China principle. In 1971, UN General Assembly Resolution 2758 settled once and for all the political, legal and procedural issues of China’s representation in the UN, which covered the whole territory of China, including Taiwan.

The one-China principle represents the indivisibility of China's sovereignty and territorial integrity. The fact that two sides of Taiwan straight face each other just across a strip of water, yet have not been reunified is a scar left by history, it’s for our Chinese nation to work together to heal this wound.