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**STATEMENT: US-TAIWAN BUSINESS COUNCIL  
WELCOMES TAIWAN'S REMOVAL FROM THE SPECIAL 301 WATCH LIST**

The US-Taiwan Business Council today welcomed the decision by USTR to remove Taiwan from the Special 301 Watch List, the result of an Out-of-Cycle Review initiated in 2008.

Council President Rupert Hammond-Chambers commented that "Taiwan has made significant progress both by improving the legal protection of intellectual property rights and by stepping up enforcement. Recent measures have enhanced Taiwan's policy and legal infrastructure for IPR matters, have improved accountability for infringing materials on the Internet, and have instituted a comprehensive monitoring and implementation review effort. In addition, Taiwan has consulted widely with IP rights holders and has taken U.S. government concerns into careful account."

Hammond-Chambers added "It is a record of achievement for which Taiwan can be truly proud. Removing Taiwan from the 301 Watch List gives well-deserved recognition to Taiwan's many constructive actions, and to the Taiwan government's responsiveness to the concerns expressed by U.S. right holders."

**About the US-Taiwan Business Council:**

The US-Taiwan Business Council ([www.us-taiwan.org](http://www.us-taiwan.org)) is a membership-based non-profit association, founded in 1976 to foster trade and business relations between the United States and Taiwan. The Council provides its members with business intelligence, offers access to an extensive network of relationships, and serves as a vital and effective representative in dealing with business, trade, and investment matters.