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Taiwan calls for joint investigation in regard to the deportation of Taiwanese suspects from Cambodia to Mainland China.

25 Taiwanese suspects involving telecommunication fraud with people of the Mainland China were deported to Mainland China by the Cambodian police on June 24th. The Ministry of Justice (the “MOJ”) would like to respond to the situation as follows:

The Ministry of Public Security of Mainland China (the “MOPS”) and the Cambodian police jointly tracked down the equipment of telecommunication fraud in Phnom Penh, Cambodian and 39 Chinese and Taiwanese suspects were arrested since June 13th. The MOJ was notified of the situation by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Criminal Investigation Bureau earlier before and was informed at noon by the MOPS that 25 Taiwanese suspects would be deported to Wenzhou of Chekiang Province in Mainland China from Cambodia today.

After being notified that the first group of Taiwanese suspects was arrested in Cambodia on June 13th, the MOJ immediately contacted Mainland China for more details and required Mainland China authority must not take the suspects back and that Taiwan and Mainland China should launch joint investigation based on long-term trust and cooperation. According to the information from the MOPS, 25 out of this group of suspects were Taiwanese. The victims of the fraud were all Chinese, and Mainland China has sent a team to Cambodia earlier to investigate the case together with Cambodian authority. Because Mainland China signed an extradition treaty with Cambodia and was eager to make the deportation happen, the MOJ’s attempt to bring the people back failed.

The MOJ regrets that Cambodia deported Taiwanese suspects to Mainland China under Mainland China’s request without consultation with the MOJ first. However,

determined to crack down on cross-border telecommunication fraud, the MOJ will maintain conversation with Mainland China on the basis of Cross Strait Joint Fight against Crime and Mutual Legal Assistance Agreement to continue looking after the people and launch joint cooperation for combating crimes with Mainland China in no time.