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China-US Relations: Nancy Pelosi Causes “a Crisis like a Goal Against Her Own Camp”

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The greatness of a country can be measured, among other criteria, by the size of its territory, population, economy, and military strength. It is also, and above all, measured by the personality that emerges from the leaders of the country concerned. The great leader of a great country is unique in his posture in the face of major events, especially the challenges of his country and the world at large. A specific foreign policy, fidelity to initial commitments, and respect to international organizations to which the country has freely adhered are characteristic elements of responsible governance of a great country worthy of the name. The great politicians remain attached to the values of the word, human dignity, and the oath to serve the people and the world's peace. The ambiguity, the double games, and the untruths displayed by the leaders of the United States of America do not honor the rank that this country grants itself in world governance.

The history of international relations will remember the visit of the Speaker of the House of Representatives (3rd personality in the system of American governance), Nancy Pelosi, to the Chinese region of Taiwan, on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, aboard an American military plane, was a real useless provocation of China, harmful to peace in the Asia-Pacific sub-region. Several days before the said visit, the Chinese authorities had warned the American government about “the price to pay” that such an act contrary to the international commitments of the USA would generate. During a telephone exchange with American President Joe Biden, Chinese President XI Jinping had told the United States not to “play with the fire”. During a press conference, the Chinese Ambassador to the United Nations, Zhang Jun, said, “As we see it, such a visit looks very dangerous and very provocative”. This method specific to declining power does not make the United States of America grow.

Looking in the rearview mirror of history, it is clear that for years the condescending, surly, provocative and bellicose attitudes of the USA have finished convincing the wisest that this country is a danger to peace in the world. This country which did not exist on the map of the world at the time when Chinese civilization made an



invaluable contribution to the progress of humanity, always strives to register its foreign policy, its speeches and its actions in a permanent demonstration of its force, provocations, violence and wars. American leaders only glorify themselves when they sow chaos, desolation and death or eliminate (which is rare by the way) terrorists whom they themselves had to train before. A short time ago, an American President called African countries “shitty countries” without ever pointing out the factors creating “shit” in Africa. This other called certain countries “rogue states”. No American official has had to give sincere explanations of the “false evidence”, the “state lies” that the United States uses to arrogate to itself the right, often in defiance of the decision of the UN, to assassinate Leaders whose only crime is to lead their countries and their continents towards independence and development. The peoples who love peace and justice will one day have to set up a special tribunal (Nuremberg-style tribunal) to bring to justice the instigators of trouble, chaos, and wars with immeasurable consequences throughout the world: chaos and thousands of deaths in Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Afghanistan, Libya, the Sahel, the Horn of Africa, etc.

In 2011, since the United States, under the presidency of Barack Obama, launched the program called the “Asian pivot”, security in the Asia-Pacific region remains seriously threatened. Provocations in the form of military exercises between the United States and certain countries of the sub-region, the quadrilateral security dialogue (a framework for cooperation between the United States, Japan, Australia and India aimed at countering China), the support of American agencies for certain pro-independence groups in the Chinese regions of Taiwan and Hong Kong, constitute, among other things, acts of interference and threats to which China has always responded with firmness, determination and wisdom. The diplomacy practiced by the United States with regard to the Chinese region of Taiwan is a diplomacy of “strategic ambiguity”. It consists of claiming that the United States recognizes only one China while providing significant support to the secessionist local authorities of Taiwan. Previously President Joe Biden had designated “China as a priority target to be shot down”. His predecessor, Donald Trump said no less. Nancy Pelosi’s approach is in line with this logic of harming the People’s Republic of China, if not preventing the march of this country towards development at all costs.

Following the provocative visit by the Speaker of the US House of Representatives to the Taiwan region, the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a statement noting: “Nancy Pelosi, in defiance of the strong opposition and solemn representations of China, visited the Taiwan region of China. It has seriously violated the one-China principle and the provisions of the three China-US joint communiqués, seriously impacted the political foundation of China-US relations, seriously violated China’s sovereignty and territorial integrity, seriously undermined peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait, and sent a seriously wrong signal to the secessionist forces aiming for ‘Taiwan independence’”. The ministry statement further noted: “There is only one China in the world, Taiwan is an integral part of Chinese territory, and the government of the People’s Republic of China is the sole legal government representing all of China. This is explicitly enshrined in United Nations General Assembly resolution 2758 in 1971”. For memory, since the founding of the People’s Republic of China in 1949, “181 countries have established diplomatic relations with China on the basis of the one-China principle. The principle of one China is a universal consensus of the international community and a fundamental norm governing international relations”. Also, in 1979, in the Joint Sino-American Communiqué on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations, the United States clearly confirmed its commitment: “The United States of America recognizes the government of the People’s Republic of China as the sole legal government of China”. A strong

message to the attention of the United States of America and to all those who set themselves up as enemies of China: “The will of the people is inviolable, and the general trend is irresistible. No country, force or individual should misjudge the resolute determination, firm will and strong ability of the Chinese government and people to uphold the country’s sovereignty and territorial integrity and achieve the national reunification and rejuvenation of the nation”.

Many observers on the international scene have condemned Nancy Pelosi’s approach. Russia accused the United States in these terms: “Washington is destabilizing the world. Not a single conflict settled in the last decades but several provoked”. For my part, I would like to know how the American government would react if a Chinese Senior Official paid a visit to Puerto Rico to encourage the independence tendencies of this territory. The region of Taiwan is much more Chinese than Corsica is French, and the Hawaii Islands are American. The Western powers, led by the United States of America, must stop their attitudes of arrogance and hegemony. They must stop acting as policemen of the world, as absolute masters giving lessons. They must stop believing that Western culture is the only one that works for all humanity. Then humanity will live in peace and shared development.

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