

Appendix 58 - Jinmen Accord (Red Cross) (1990)

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Kinmen (Jinmen) Accord Sept 12, 1990

After two days of negotiations on September 11-12 1990, the representatives of the Red Cross Societies from the two sides of the Taiwan Strait reached the following agreement regarding their involvement in monitoring mutual repatriation operations implemented by concerned authorities:

Repatriation Principle:

Repatriation operations should be in accord with humanitarian values and be conducted in a secure and convenient way.

Object of Repatriation

Residents of one side who have illegally entered the territory of the other (temporary incursions of fishing personnel forced over boundaries by acts of god such as high wind are excluded.)

Criminal suspects or criminals.

III. Sites of Repatriation Handover

Both parties have agreed to use China's Mawei and Taiwan's Matsu as handover sites. Depending on the returnees' legal residence and land/marine meteorological conditions, however, the parties have the option of using China's Xiamen (Amoy) and Taiwan's Kinmen (Jinmen).

IV. Repatriation Procedures

The sending party is responsible for providing related information of returnees to the receiving party who should verify the paperwork and respond within 20 days. The receiving party should take over the returnees at the agreed place and time. If any questions arise about the returnees, the receiving party should inform the sending party for countercheck purposes.

Both parties should use Red Cross special carriers led by civil vessels to the appointed location. Both should have flags featuring a red cross against a white background (no other flags or signs should be used.) During the handover, a pre-selected representative from each party should sign the handover witnesses certificate (please see the appendix for format.)

v. Other

Upon signing the agreement, both parties should work to resolve related technical problems as soon as possible in order to implement the agreement in the shortest possible time. Matters not mentioned afore may be negotiated between the two parties.

The agreement is signed in Kinmen (Jinmen) with one original provided to each party.

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