China opposes U.S. Senate committee legislation on Taiwan arms sales: FM

BEIJING, Nov. 21 (Xinhua) -- China on Thursday expressed opposition to a U.S. Congress committee's passage of a bill on arms sales to Taiwan.

"China firmly opposes and is strongly dissatisfied with the passage of the legislation on arms sales to Taiwan by the related committee of the U.S. Congress," Hong Lei said at a daily press briefing on Thursday.

Hong's comments came after the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs on Wednesday passed legislation authorizing arms sales to Taiwan, including four Perry-class frigates.

Hong said China opposes any country's arms sales to Taiwan. "This stance is clear and consistent," he said.

"We urge some people in the U.S. Congress to give up the Cold War mindset, adhere to the one-China policy and the three China-U.S. joint communiques, observe the spirit of building a new model for major-country relations, and stop promoting any legislation on arms sales to Taiwan," Hong said.

"They should do more for the healthy and stable development of China-U.S. relations and the peaceful development of cross-strait relations, rather than act contrarily," Hong said.

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BEIJING, Sept. 26 (Xinhua) -- China has lodged solemn representations to the United States for selling anti-submarine aircraft to Taiwan, Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei said on Thursday.

Hong called on the U.S. to comply with the One-China policy and the three China-U.S. joint communiques at a daily news briefing after the U.S. delivered Taiwan 12 anti-submarine aircraft on Wednesday. Full story

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