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US-Taiwan Business Council Chairman Paul Wolfowitz to Lead High-Level Business Delegation to Taiwan April 18-20, 2016

The US-Taiwan Business Council announced today that its Chairman, Ambassador Paul Wolfowitz, is leading a business delegation to Taiwan April 18-20, 2016. The delegation - consisting of senior executives from 24 U.S. companies - will promote bilateral trade and business relations between the United States and Taiwan in meetings with President Ma Ying-jeou and President-elect Tsai Ing-wen.

The delegation will meet with the outgoing government to thank President Ma for his calibrated efforts to maintain smooth ties with the United States, as well as to thank him for a series of achievements in the bilateral relationship that include the Visa Waiver program and progress on Trade & Investment Framework Agreements (TIFA) talks.

Ambassador Wolfowitz and the delegation will also meet with President-elect Tsai and her senior national security and economic teams, most importantly during a roundtable session and sector-specific consultations on April 18. The delegation will discuss how to partner with the incoming Tsai Administration on continued development of close business and security ties with the U.S., along with future opportunities for cooperation that include supporting membership for Taiwan in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and in other regional trade efforts.

Council President Rupert Hammond-Chambers noted that *“for 8 years, the Ma Administration has provided a stable platform for bilateral business relations, and has championed gains in ties with the United States. Ambassador Wolfowitz and the delegation will take this opportunity to thank President Ma for his leadership and for his strong friendship with the United States.”*

Hammond-Chambers added that *“the members of the US-Taiwan Business Council look forward to working with President-elect Tsai’s government to help realize her ambitious economic agenda. We will also partner with the incoming government to help Taiwan secure participation in the second round of TPP negotiations, as well as to champion those areas of economic reform and liberalization so pivotal to Dr. Tsai’s vision for the future of Taiwan.”*

About the US-Taiwan Business Council:

The US-Taiwan Business Council (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.

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