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## Ever-closer union with China



Prague's city-sister agreement with Beijing isn't an international agreement as understood by the Constitution, but it's taking on that characteristic to a certain degree. Unlike the [official position of the Czech state](#), the [sister-city agreement](#) specifically recognizes Taiwan as an indivisible part of the People's Republic of China. Under normal conditions, the president would protest, because only he has the constitutional authority to conclude international agreements that change foreign policy. However, it was Miloš Zeman himself who pushed the envelope with regard to Taiwan by declaring in a meeting in Oct. 2014 with Chinese Pres. Xi Jinping that he believes in the "[quick, peaceful reunification](#)" of Taiwan with the Chinese mainland. That isn't official Czech state policy either. Or won't be at least until Zeman signs a strategic partnership with his Chinese counterpart later this month, the text of which hasn't yet been released.

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