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**STATEMENT ON THE 7.2 MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE WHICH AFFECTED THE REPUBLIC OF
CHINA (TAIWAN)**

SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, April 4, 2024 – The government and people of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines expresses our heartfelt sorrow to our brothers and sisters in the Republic of China (Taiwan) on the news of the impact of a 7.2 magnitude earthquake, which occurred in the eastern sea of Hualien County on Wednesday April 3, 2024.

The records indicate that this is the largest earthquake to hit Republic of China (Taiwan) in over 25 years. The update of the latest disaster indicates that nine (9) persons have died, nine hundred and forty-six injured (946), 152 trapped. This is truly a period of mourning for the immediate families, friends and loved ones, of the people of the Republic of China (Taiwan). The government and people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines mourn alongside you, our brothers and sisters. It is a profound tragedy. Our nations are bonded together through our strong ties of friendship; thus, the sorrows and pains of this tragedy are also the pain of the government and people of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

During this perilous time, the people of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines stand in solidarity with the government and people of the Republic of China (Taiwan). We pray for those who have lost loved ones, for the health of the over Nine Hundred (946) people who are injured, and for the restoration of the strength and fortitude required by all affected to continue to heal and flourish.

The Embassy of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in Taiwan has reported that all Vincentian nationals are safe. The prayers of the government and people of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines are with the government and people of Republic of China (Taiwan).

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