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Over the last decade, there has been an increase in the recognition of the important, mutually supportive roles that governments and civil society organizations (CSOs) have played and continue to play in national and international development. However, there are challenges that continue to confront CSOs in their relations with governments. I am referring to the usual government – CSOs mutual mistrust and suspicions which have often worked against sound analysis of issues much to the detriment of the countries' domestic and international policies.

Taiwanese CSOs' contributions to human rights and democracy have been very significant and therefore every effort must be made to make them play a pivotal role in Taiwan's global policies. These CSOs, however, continue to face challenges as well. This report will also discuss the similarities and dissimilarities of CSO activities in Taiwan and Ghana.

In view of the increasing diplomatic isolation of Taiwan, Mr. Abbey has made an attempt in his research to call for international cooperation between Taiwan and Ghana with a special emphasis on CSOs activities as a key strategy.