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The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Recalling its Note Verbales No. CML/14/2019, dated 12 December 2019, and No. CML/56/2020, dated 7 August 2020, to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Chinese Mission, with regard to the Submission by Malaysia dated 12 December 2019 to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") concerning the outer limits of the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles in the South China Sea, has the honor to reiterate the position as follows:

China has sovereignty over Nanhai Zhudao, consisting of Dongsha Qundao, Xisha Qundao, Zhongsha Qundao and Nansha Qundao. China has internal waters, territorial sea and contiguous zone, based on Nanhai Zhudao. China has exclusive economic zone and continental shelf, based on Nanhai Zhudao. China has historic rights in the South China Sea. China's territorial sovereignty and maritime rights and interests in the South China Sea are established in the long course of practice in history, and comply with relevant international law and practice.

The Submission made by Malaysia in December 2019 has seriously infringed upon China's sovereignty, sovereign rights and jurisdiction in the South China Sea. In accordance with Article 5(a) of Annex I to the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, in cases where a land or maritime dispute exists, the Commission shall not consider and qualify a submission made by any of the States concerned in the dispute. The Chinese Government once

again solemnly requests the Commission not to consider the aforementioned Submission by Malaysia.

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations requests that this Note Verbale be circulated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to all members of the Commission, all States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea as well as all Members of the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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