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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 and, with reference to the Submission by the Philippines dated 14 June 2024 to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") concerning the limits of the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles, has the honor to state China's positions as follows:

China has indisputable sovereignty over Nanhai Zhudao and the adjacent waters, and enjoys sovereign rights and jurisdiction over the relevant waters as well as the seabed and subsoil thereof. The above positions held by the Chinese Government are consistent and clear, and are known by the international community, including the Government of the Philippines.

The continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles as contained in the

aforementioned Submission by the Philippines has seriously infringed 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 on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, the Chinese Government seriously requests the Commission not to consider the Submission by the Philippines.

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations requests that this Note Verbale be circulated 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.

H.E. Mr. António Guterres

Secretary-General

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