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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 concerning the limits of the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles presented by Viet Nam dated July 17, 2024 to the United Nations Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission"), has the honor to state China's position 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 position of the Chinese government is consistent and clear, and is widely known by the international community, including the government of Viet Nam.

Viet Nam's claim over the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles as involved in the aforementioned Submission seriously infringes on 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 solemnly requests the Commission not to consider the

Submission presented by Viet Nam.

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 and all Member States 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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