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The Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with regard to the Note Verbale No. D.229/2024 dated 29 July 2024 addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations, has the honour to state the consistent position of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam as follows:

Viet Nam resolutely rejects and cannot accept China's Note Verbale in its entirety as the China's claim of "Nanhai Zhudao" in the aforementioned Note Verbale seriously violated the territorial sovereignty and the rights of Viet Nam over its maritime zones in the East Sea (South China Sea).

Viet Nam has ample historical evidence and legal basis to affirm its sovereignty over the Hoang Sa (Paracel) archipelago and the Truong Sa (Spratly) archipelago in accordance with international law. Viet Nam also has the legal basis to affirm its sovereignty, sovereign rights and jurisdiction over its maritime zones established in accordance with the relevant provisions of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (the Convention), including the sovereign rights and jurisdiction over the continental shelf extending beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured. In accordance with the provisions in Article 76 of the Convention, Viet Nam has made the Submissions to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (the Commission) in 2009 and 2024. The rights of a coastal state over its continental shelf are inherent. Therefore, Viet Nam continues to request the Commission to consider and make recommendation to the Submissions of Viet Nam.

The Permanent Mission has further the honour to request that this Note Verbale be circulated to all States Parties to the Convention, as well as all Members of the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations takes this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurance of its highest consideration./.