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The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and with reference to communication No. M.Z.N.89.2012.LOS dated 21 September 2012 has the honour to inform the latter of the position of the Government of Japan concerning the deposit of a chart and a list of geographical coordinates of point made by the People's Republic of China with regard to the baselines for the territorial sea of the Senkaku Islands.

The People's Republic of China deposited the chart and the list of geographical coordinates on 13 September 2012. Such unilateral action has no ground under international law including within the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. This action by the People's Republic of China concerning the Senkaku Islands, a part of the territory of Japan, is totally unacceptable and legally invalid.

There is no doubt that the Senkaku Islands are an inherent part of the territory of Japan in light of historical facts and based upon international law. The Senkaku Islands are under the valid control of the Government of Japan. There exists no issue of territorial sovereignty to be resolved concerning the Senkaku Islands.

The Permanent Mission of Japan has further the honor to request the Secretary-General that this note verbale be transmitted to all Member States of the United Nations and all States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurance of its highest consideration.

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