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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary General of the United Nations and has the honor to refer to the circular notes of the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China No. CML/14/2019 dated 12 December 2019 concerning the protest of the Government of the People's Republic of China toward the Continental Shelf beyond 200 nautical miles submission of Malaysia, the circular note of the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China No. CML/11/2020 dated 23 March 2020 concerning the protest toward the statement of the Government of the Philippines and the circular note of the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China No. CML/42/2020 dated 17 April 2020 concerning China's position with respect to the joint submission of the Continental Shelf beyond 200 nautical miles by Malaysia and Viet Nam.

In regard to that matter, Indonesia wishes to reiterate its position as reflected in the circular note of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations No. 480/POL-703/VII/10 dated 8 July 2010, as follow:

1. Indonesia reiterates once again that Indonesia is not a party to the territorial dispute in the South China Sea;
2. Furthermore, Indonesia notes that its view concerning the maritime entitlements of the maritime features as reflected in the 2010 circular note has been confirmed by the Award of 12 July 2016 by the Tribunal instituted under Annex VII to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982 (UNCLOS 1982) between the Republic of the Philippines against the People's Republic of China (The South China Sea Arbitration) in which no maritime features in the Spratly Islands is entitled to an Exclusive Economic Zone or a Continental Shelf of its own;
3. Indonesia reiterates that the Nine-Dash Line map implying historic rights claim clearly lacks international legal basis and is tantamount to upset UNCLOS 1982. This view has also been confirmed by the Award of 12 July 2016 by the Tribunal that any historic rights that the People's Republic of China may have had to the living and non-living resources were superseded by the limits of the maritime zones provided for by UNCLOS 1982.

As a State Party to UNCLOS 1982, Indonesia has consistently called for the full compliance toward international law, including UNCLOS 1982. Indonesia hereby declares that it is not bound by any claims made in contravention to international law, including UNCLOS 1982.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations has further the honor to request that this note be circulated to all members of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS), all State 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 Republic of Indonesia 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.

New York, 26 May 2020



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