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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. Recalling its Note Verbale No. CML/46/2020 dated 2 June 2020 to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Chinese Mission, with regard to the Note Verbale No. 148/POL-703/VI/20 dated 12 June 2020 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, has the honor to state China's position as follows:

China's territorial sovereignty and its maritime rights and interests in the South China Sea are established in the long course of historical practice. They are clear and consistent with international law, including the Charter of the United Nations and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The Chinese Government expresses its firm opposition to the contents of Indonesian Note Verbale No. 148/POL-703/VI/20.

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations requests that the Secretary-General of the United Nations circulate this Note Verbale to all members of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, all States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and 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.

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