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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 reference to Note Verbales No. 000191-2020 and 000192-2020 dated 06 March 2020 addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines 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 has ample historical evidence and legal basis to affirm its sovereignty over the Hoang Sa (Paracel) Islands and the Truong Sa (Spratly) Islands in accordance with international law. Viet Nam also has sovereignty, sovereign rights and jurisdiction over its maritime zones established in accordance with the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. This position of Viet Nam has been enunciated in various documents circulated at the United Nations and submitted to relevant international bodies.

The Permanent Mission has further the honour to request that this Note Verbale be circulated to all States Parties to the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea as well as all Members of the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam 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, 10 April 2020

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New York