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 No. 000228 dated 5 April 2011 and Note No. CML/8/2011 dated 14 April 2011 addressed to the Secretary General of the United Nations respectively by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines and the Permanent Mission of the People’s Republic of China to the United Nations, has the honor to state the position of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam as follows:

Hoang Sa (Paracel) and Truong Sa (Spratly) Archipelagoes are integral parts of Vietnamese territory. Viet Nam has sufficient historical evidences and legal foundation to assert her sovereignty over these two archipelagoes.

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.

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