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## PERMANENT MISSION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations and has the honor, with reference to the Note Verbale No. 000840-2015 of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations dated on 2 December 2015, to state the position as follows:

I. China is strongly dissatisfied with the statement made by Mr. F. del Rosario, Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Philippines, on 30 November 2015 at the oral hearing on the merits and remaining issues of jurisdiction and admissibility of the South China Sea arbitration by the Arbitral Tribunal established at the unilateral request of the Philippines (hereinafter referred to as the Arbitral Tribunal). The unreasonable and groundless accusations against China he made in the statement ignored basic facts and confused right and wrong. History brooks no denial and facts no fabrication, and international rule of law shall not be misinterpreted and used in a distorted way by certain countries and individuals at their own will.

It is precisely the Philippines' adoption of an expansionist policy in the South China Sea and its blatant violation of China's sovereignty and rights and interests in breach of the *Charter of the United Nations* that have given rise to the relevant disputes between China and Philippines in the South China Sea. The Philippines' unilateral initiation and obstinate pushing forward of the arbitration, in violation of the consensus reached with China and repeatedly reaffirmed by itself as well as its own commitment under the *Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea* (hereinafter referred to as the DOC), is a political provocation under the cloak of law. The Philippines' move, in essence, is not an effort to resolve disputes but an attempt to cover up its illegal occupation of some islands and reefs of China's Nansha Islands, and negate China's territorial sovereignty and maritime rights and interests in

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