

## UNiMUN 2022

### Resolution: Security Council

**Question of:** South China Sea

**Main-submitted by:** France

**Co-submitted by:** France, Philippines, United States of America

THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

*Emphasizing* that the vital territorial conflict in the South China Sea (SCS) may represent a drastic threat to international peace and security and hence threatens the Article 1 of the UN Charter (1945),

*Reaffirming* the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea which guarantees the principle of the freedom of navigation and the seas, and the sovereignty of involved nations in their Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ),

*Bearing in mind* the Declaration on the Conduct of the Parties in the South China Sea (2002) which includes the obligation “to resolve their territorial and jurisdictional disputes by peaceful means, without resorting to threat or use of force, through friendly consultations and negotiations (...) in accordance with universally recognized principles of international law”,

*Keeping in mind* that the issue may not only exert influence on local regions, communities and the global economy, but also directly impact the environment and the pollution of the sea as well as issues of overfishing,

*Expressing satisfaction* that all member states have taken steps towards the resolution of the South China Sea issue and legal enforcement of international law,

The Security Council (UNSC),

1. *Calls for* member states to keep communication channels open and to remain intensely and constantly committed to crafting policies that maintain stable ties;
2. *Calls* on all member states to accept and respect the authority of international law and international institutions;
3. *Encourages* initiatives which are committed to international mediation of civilian population or to environmental protection, as well to conflict resolutions, such as but not limited to:
  - a. *Strongly encourages* NGOs as impartial bodies to gather competing evidence and examine the legal arguments of claimants to clarify the basis and coherence of sovereignty claims and counter accusations of bias;
  - b. *Calls for* a Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (RFMO) or other fisheries corporation to improve overall relations;
4. *Recommends* the prevention of blurring between military, paramilitary, and civilian actors in the SCS by each actor mandatorily traveling under one flag and on behalf of the country they are associated with to prevent occupation of islands.