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Statement of the WPC regarding the situation in the South China Sea

The World Peace Council (WPC) expresses its serious concerns about the situation in the area of the South China Sea (East Sea) regarding the dispute over the waters in the area between the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the People's Republic of China, two friendly countries for decades long.

The WPC supports the principles of the United Nations Convention of the Law of the Seas (UNCLOS) of 1982 and calls upon all parties involved to refrain from unilateral actions which undermine this basis. At the same time we call for actions of de-escalation of the conflict, withdrawal of military and navy from the area in order to reach a political, amicable solution between the two countries as well as the countries of the area.

The mentioned area is becoming for the last years a focus point of the imperialist aggressiveness, particularly of the US-strategy "Pivot to Asia" which is aiming at the shifting of 60% of the US military to the Asia/ Pacific region. We denounce the common military exercise carried out throughout the last years by the USA with several of the countries of the area and the respective bilateral military agreements. The peoples of the area have common interests to oppose these imperialist plans and unite against all kind of interference in the bilateral affairs of sovereign states.

The WPC calls upon all peace loving people and forces in Vietnam and China to take all necessary political actions in order to secure peace, stability and friendship in the region.

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