



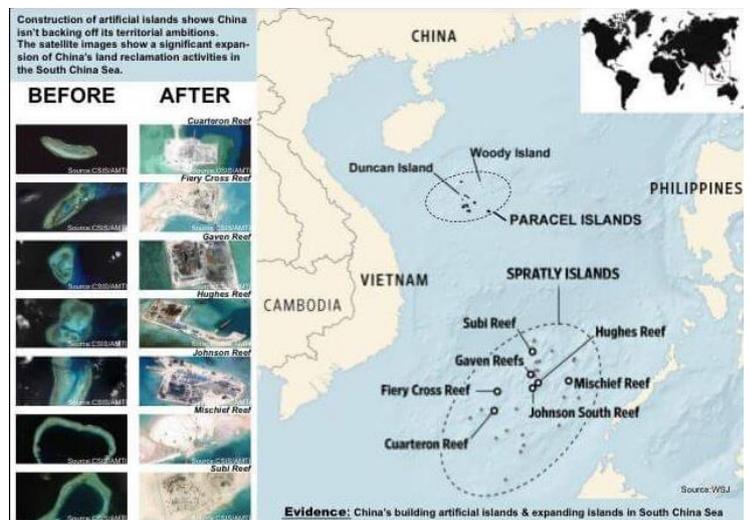
PROTEST AGAINST CHINA'S ILLEGAL ACTIONS TO CHANGE THE STATUS QUO IN THE EAST SEA
Parade on Saturday 27.6.2015, at 14h at United Nations Square, Geneva
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Viet Nam has sufficient historical evidences and legal foundation to assert its undisputable sovereignty over the Hoang Sa (Paracel) and Truong Sa (Spratly) archipelagoes and sovereign rights over territorial waters in the East Sea (Bien Dong, also known as South China Sea).

However, with intrigue of "seize the entire East Sea" and of upsetting the order of the world, China has been gradually invading and changing the status quo of features in the East Sea and seriously contempting for international law. Specifically, in 1974 and 1988, in ignoring public opinion and international law, China used force to invade illegally the Paracels and some islands in the Spratly islands of Viet Nam. From the end of 2013, China began land reclamation activities in Spratly islands. On 02 May 2014, China used its Haiyang Shiyou 981 platform to illegally access the exclusive economic zone and continental shelf of Viet Nam, seriously violated the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS 1982). Before the fierce struggle of Viet Nam and reaction of the international community, on 15 July 2014, China has to withdraw its Haiyang Shiyou 981 platform out of the exclusive economic zone of Viet Nam. However, from early 2015 to date, China has continued its illegal activities to change the status quo in the Spratly islands, such as broadening the construction and pushing for the creation of artificial islands in the disputed area, establishing runway, military bases, ports, etc. This would escalate tension between China and other countries in the region.

The international community expressed their great concerns that after completion of its illegal renovation in unauthorized area of Spratly islands, China may shamelessly repeat its statement on Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ) in the East Sea – the South China Sea (as it has done with the East China Sea over a year ago), and seriously threat to and undermine peace, stability, maritime security as well as freedom of navigation in and over-flight above the East Sea.

As a permanent member of the Security Council of the UN, the actions of incompilance of international law and not respecting its neighbors by China have been strongly reacted and condemned by the international community, including the United States, Germany, Australia, Japan, India, ASEAN countries. The Swiss *Der Bund* accused China of deliberately building many artificial islands to reinforce China's efforts to claim sovereignty in the South China Sea. At the same time, the Swiss *Neue Zurcher Zeitung* criticized China's ambition to create "fait accompli" in the South China Sea.



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We call the Vietnamese people throughout Switzerland and other the peace-loving people to join the parade to protest China's actions to change the status quo of the East Sea and to threaten the security in the region.

- **We strongly ask China to respect international law, immediately stop its action to change the status quo of the East Sea, fully implement its commitments as provided for in the DOC, urgently conclude the Code of Conduct in the South China Sea (COC) with the countries in the region;**
- **We urge the UN Secretary General, the International Court of Law of the Sea, the responsible international organizations and government leaders around the world to condemn the brazen actions of China, to support small countries in the South East Asia and take intervention when necessary to maintain peace, stability, security and safety for maritime as well as aviation activities of the countries in the area of the South China Sea.**

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