

## VIETNAM TERRITORY PROTECTION COMMITTEE

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### VIETNAM TERRITORY PROTECTION COMMITTEE'S PROCLAMATION

#### In Opposition to the Communist Chinese's Act of Invading Vietnam

WHEREAS, United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) was signed by 107 countries (currently has 162 countries) on October 12, 1982 at Jamaica. It provided a comprehensive set of rules governing the oceans. It established specific jurisdictional limits on the ocean area that countries may claim, (including a 12-mile territorial sea limit - property rights for mineral extraction in deep sea beds and a 200-nautical mile exclusive economic zone limit).

WHEREAS, China has blatantly occupied the Paracel Island in 1974 and Johnson Reef in the Spratly in 1988. Furthermore, China has wrongly established a prefecture-level, a so-called Sansha City on Woody Island on July 24, 2012 that officially belongs to Vietnam and other Southeast-Asian countries respective wrongfully; and

WHEREAS, China has carried out invasion plans by sending groups of their peoples to settle down in many different areas in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, China has been repeatedly oppressing Vietnamese lives and violating Vietnamese economic rights by looting, killing, intimidating, extorting, and even prohibiting Vietnamese being on the sea which belongs to Vietnam territory; and

WHEREAS, China has violated Vietnam's sovereignty by authorized invitation for international bids exploration which are situated deep inside Vietnam's 200-nautical mile exclusive economic zone and continental shelf; and

WHEREAS, China has sent their 23,000 vessels to Paracel and Spratly Islands, freely and illegally fishing and controlling Vietnam's sea territory.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Vietnam Territory Protection Committee and the Vietnamese Americans:

- HEREBY, strongly oppose to and denounce the Chinese authorities on the policy of illegally occupying Vietnam and most Southeast-Asian countries' territory on water; and
- HEREBY, strongly oppose to China's obviously untrue and shameless claims for the so-called "*U-shaped line*" account for 80% of the sea area surrounded by nine countries including Vietnam; and
- HEREBY, demand the Chinese government to stop aggressively persecuting Vietnamese fishermen, to withdraw immediately their Navy forces and fishing boats from Vietnam water and islands, and to return Paracel and Spratly to Vietnam; and

- HEREBY, urge all Vietnamese at home as well as abroad to continue opposition against the Chinese and Vietnamese Communist regimes to protect our country's territorial integrity, to unite and fight for peace, freedom and democracy for Vietnam; and
- HEREBY, urge all who love peace and justice to put pressure on the Chinese government to respect the sovereign authorities of the countries in Southeast Asia by applying ECONOMIC BOYCOTT the goods from China.
- HEREBY, call on the United States government, especially respectable Senators, Congressmen for showing of clear and strong policy toward the Chinese authorities to enhance the prestige of the United of America which is always a power for democracy, freedom and justice in the world; call on the media and the Americans to support their efforts in stopping the increasing of China's expansions; and
- BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Vietnam Territory Protection Committee and the Vietnamese Americans earnestly request the United Nations and the governments and authorities of Southeast Asia and the Asia Pacific region to search for a multilateral solution to the "South China Sea" issue, and generate the diplomatic and economic influence to put the pressure on China to respect the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea in 1982, and to prevent the instability to the Asia Pacific region in particular and the world in general.

Dated: August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**Vietnam Territory Protection Committee in Houston**

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**With the participation of the organizations in the Vietnamese Communities of Houston, Austin, Dallas, Tarrant, San Antonio and vicinities in Texas.**