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QUEZON CITY COUNCIL

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21st City Council

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63rd Regular Session

RESOLUTION NO. SP- **8540**, S-2021

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY OBJECTING THE CONTINUOUS OCCUPATION OF CHINA IN THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA DULY DECLARED AND AWARDED, THROUGH AN ARBITRAL RULING, BY THE PERMANENT COURT OF ARBITRATION UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA (UNCLOS) TO THE PHILIPPINES AS PART OF ITS TERRITORY.

Introduced by Councilor NOE DELA FUENTE.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Lena Marie P. Juico, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Nicole Ella V. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Atty. Bong Liban, Eden Delilah "Candy" A. Medina, Mikey F. Belmonte, Estrella C. Valmocina, Franz S. Pumaren, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Matias John T. Defensor, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Jorge L. Banal, Sr., Peachy V. De Leon, Marra C. Suntay, Irene R. Belmonte, Ivy L. Lagman, Hero M. Bautista, Jose A. Visaya, Karl Castelo, Patrick Michael Vargas, Shaira L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co Pilar, Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto-Antonio, Donato "Donny" C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina and Freddy S. Roxas.

WHEREAS, Article I of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "The national territory comprises the Philippine archipelago, with all the islands and waters embraced therein, and all other territories over which the Philippines has sovereignty or jurisdiction, consisting of its terrestrial, fluvial, and aerial domains, including its territorial sea, the seabed, the subsoil, the insular shelves, and other submarine areas. The waters around, between, and connecting the islands of the archipelago, regardless of their breadth and dimensions, form part of the internal waters of the Philippines";

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WHEREAS, in 22 January 2013, the Philippines instituted arbitral proceedings against China in a dispute concerning their respective "maritime entitlements" and the legality of Chinese activities in the South China Sea. In response, by a diplomatic note dated 19 February 2013 addressed to the Philippines, China expressed its rejection of the arbitration;


WHEREAS, in 12 July 2016, the Permanent Court of Arbitration, an arbitral tribunal constituted under Annex VII to the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) issued its Final award on the West Philippine Sea (South China Sea) in the arbitration case between The Republic of the Philippines vs. The People's Republic of China;

WHEREAS, the tribunal's ruling is a legal victory for the Philippines over China as the judges agreed unanimously on almost all the questions submitted by the Philippines, including a declaration from the tribunal that China is obliged to comply with UNCLOS and that the award is legally binding on China;

WHEREAS, the continuous occupation of China in the country's territory, particularly the West Philippine Sea, not only undermines the country's Sovereignty as a free nation, but also infringes on its economic rights and other benefits that the people and country may gain from said area.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to strongly object, as it does hereby strongly object, the continuous occupation of China in the West Philippine Sea duly declared and awarded, through an arbitral tribunal ruling, by the Permanent Court of Arbitration under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) to the Philippines as part of its territory.

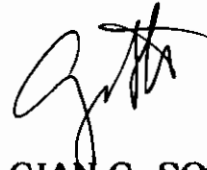


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RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this measure be sent to the Department of Foreign Affairs for information and appropriate action.

ADOPTED: May 10, 2021.



GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

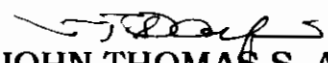
ATTESTED:



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on May 10, 2021 and was CONFIRMED on May 17, 2021.



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III

