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Dear Mr. President,

We, the undersigned, are members of the Nguyen Thai Hoc Foundation, a non-profit organization that focuses on Educational, Cultural, and Civil Society activities; headquarter in the United States.

Realizing that in recent times, Chinese Communist Government (CCG) has used the theory of "nine-dash line" to blatantly claim sovereignty over 80% of the area of the South China Sea. They blatantly obstruct air and maritime travel in the region, as well as attack fishermen who are fishing and intimidate and hinder countries from drilling for oil in the waters of countries in the region. . These actions of course harm the global economy as well as regional stability.

While CCG is expanding its military rapidly, the current US administration does not seem to be able to effectively stop this expansion, especially in Southeast Asia.

Therefore, we respectfully send this letter to consult you about the above actions of China.

Our proposal changes the name of the South China Sea to the Southeast Asian Sea to properly reflect the geographical reality. Every coastal country in the region should have the right to call it by whatever name they choose, for example Filipinos call it West Philippine Sea, and Vietnamese call it East Sea. However, internationally, it must be called the Southeast Asian Sea instead of the East Sea to avoid CCG's indiscriminate acceptance.

We believe this change will become a clear signal to CCG that sovereign nations will not submit to every command of an evil hegemonic. Therefore, it could also become a one incentive for CCG to change its aggressive behavior.

Please also add that there are currently 95 thousand signatures of people in Southeast Asia who have signed in support of the petition on [change.org](https://change.org), started by NTHF.

In 2016, the Philippine government took CCG to an International Court of Justice (ICJ) for declaring the nine-dash line, the Vietnamese government, not only did not dare to bring China to court, but also oppressed the people. Brutality (such as suppression of demonstrations, beatings, intimidation, imprisonment) when protesting against CCG's domination.

We contacted the UN criminal court, but their articles 34.1 and 35.1 rejected the claims of organizations, rather than states. Therefore, the Chinese looting, arresting and beating of Southeast Asia fishermen has not been protected by any country.

Therefore, we ask for your support for the UN court to amend articles 34.1 and 35.1 so that civil organizations will have the opportunity to ask for international support through the UN to protect 600 million people in Southeast Asia region.

We also ask for your support in changing the name of South China Sea to Southeast Asia Sea.

Best regards,



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