



RESOLUTION on the South China Maritime Disputes

The CDI:

1. Condemns the forcible takeover and occupation of the Scarborough Islets and the Ayungan Islands in the South China Sea possessed and occupied by the Philippines as part of its continental shelf and within its exclusive economic zone (EEZ), in open and brazen breach of its treaty obligations under the UN Charter and the UN Convention on the Law of the Seas (UNCLOS), and of international law.
2. Denounces China's unilateral forcible and violent takeover of the resource-rich islets and marine sanctuary contrary to recognized international law and rules of international conduct.
3. Recalls history's destructive wars began when democratic nations stood silent in the face of unlawful occupations of other nation's territory, and remembers these lessons to condemn territorial encroachments wherever they occur.
4. Calls on China to respect its treaty obligations under the UN Charter, Convention on the Law of the Seas (UNCLOS) and generally accepted principles on international law.
5. Strongly urges China to pursue peaceful, lawful, and internationally sanctioned rules on dispute resolution to remove rising tensions in the region and seek peaceful rules-based solutions of the conflicting claims.