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The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the statement concerning Diaoyu Dao in Note Verbale SC/12/372 from the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations dated 28 December 2012 to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, has the honour to state the position as follows:

Diaoyu Dao and its affiliated islands have been inherent territory of China since ancient times. China's sovereignty over Diaoyu Dao and its affiliated islands has sufficient historical, geographical and legal basis. Japan's occupation of and claim of sovereignty over Diaoyu Dao is illegal and invalid, and in no way change the fact that Diaoyu Dao belongs to China. In September 2012, the Chinese government delineated and announced the baselines of the territorial sea of Diaoyu Dao and its affiliated islands in accordance with the Law of the People's Republic of China on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone. The Chinese government does not accept the position stated by the Note Verbale SC/12/372 of Japan.

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The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China requests that this note verbale be circulated to all members of the Commission on the Limits of Continental Shelf, all States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and all Member States of the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 7 January 2013.