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The Honorable Ronny Abraham  
President of Court  
International Court of Justice  
Peace Palace  
Carnegieplein 2  
2517 KJ The Hague  
The Netherlands  
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Re: China's Nine-Dash Line Claim and Violations of UNCLOS in The South China Sea

Dear Judge Abraham:

I am writing on behalf of Nguyen Thai Hoc Foundation (NTHF), a non-governmental organization registered and headquartered in the United States of America.

I want to express the concern of ninety million Vietnamese people regarding following matters:

- 1) China's baseless nine-dash line claim has caused conflicts and instability in the Southeast Asia; a war could potentially break out in the region if the situation continues to spiral out of control.
- 2) China's illegal invasion of Vietnam's territorial sovereignty, including the Paracel Islands and Johnson South Reef in the Spratly Islands.
- 3) China's policy of terrorizing, robbing, and murdering Vietnamese fishermen in the waters of the Paracel Islands and Spratly Islands.

Ninety million Vietnamese people would like to bring the above matters to justice of the international community, comprising the International Court of Justice. However, the International Court of Justice is known to only accept complaint filed by a government of a nation, but not from the people of that nation.

I believe that the existence of the United Nations is based on an ultimate goal: to serve the betterment of all peoples. In this case, the people of Vietnam require the UN's aid. National regimes come and go, but the identity of a country's people lasts forever.

Regarding the above matters, the current regime of Vietnam has shown no sign of taking serious actions to protect Vietnamese fishermen and our country's territorial sovereignty.

The current regime appears to abandon our country's territorial sovereignty, from lack of action specifically concerning the Paracel Islands and a portion of the Spratly Islands.

In fact, despite the wish of the Vietnamese people, this government has shown no effort in filing a complaint against China at the International Court of Justice.

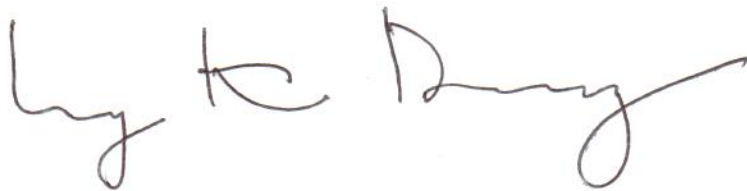
The current regime does not legally represent the Vietnamese people, due to the nature of our voting policies: the Vietnamese people are not allowed to vote and elect its government. The government has been appointed by the Communist Party of Vietnam; therefore, the government represents only the Communist Party but not whole of the Vietnamese people.

I do believe that the United Nations and International Court of Justice serve to the betterment of all of us. I also do believe that laws and policies could be amended to reflect the present needs of the peoples.

In light of this – from all of the above, including the reality of Vietnam's current government, I would like to appeal to the United Nations and the International Court of Justice to reconsider the policy of complaint filing acceptance, so that ninety million Vietnamese people would be given an opportunity to protect their own country.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ly Kinh Duong'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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