



**THE VIETNAM FEDERATION
OF CIVIL ENGINEERING
ASSOCIATIONS**

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**STATEMENT OF THE VIETNAM FEDERATION OF CIVIL ENGINEERING
ASSOCIATIONS**

**Against China's wrongful acts of seriously violating Vietnam's sovereignty and
sovereign rights in the East Sea**

Paracel Islands and Spratly Islands, long-standing territory of Vietnam, has been illegally occupied by China since 1959. Since 1974, China has used force to occupy Vietnam's Paracel Islands. In 1988, China illegally occupied Gac Ma Island and some stone banks in Spratly Islands as well as had perversely invasive acts. On May 2nd, 2014, China carried out its illegal placement of oil rig Haiyang Shiyou-981 deep inside Vietnam's exclusive economic zone for unauthorized exploration drilling in Vietnam's continental shelf. Since then, regardless of oppositions of Vietnam and the international community, despite all goodwill efforts to resolve tensions by peaceful means of the Vietnamese Government, the Chinese authorities continues to rudely have many actions escalating tension.

China has kept on preventing Vietnam's forces from performing their duties within Vietnam's sovereignty; the Chinese vessels backed by aircrafts repeatedly crashed against Vietnamese vessels and ships, causing equipment damages and serious injuries for Vietnamese fishermen and fishery control forces. On May 26, Vietnamese fishing boat No. DNA-90152 was attacked by Chinese fishing boat No. 11209 resulting in its shipwreck, 10 crews on boat in danger and all its seafood and fishing equipment damaged completely. On June 1, Chinese ships continuously sprayed water cannons on Coast Guard Ship No. 2016 and rushed out the starboard side of the vessel leading to four holes - only 40cm above the edge of the seawater. On June 23, about 11.5 sea miles far from oil rig Haiyang Shiyou-981 to the Southwest, the Vietnamese Fishery Control boat bearing number KN-951 was surrounded by 7 Chinese ships that speeded up their speed to come alongside, sprayed water cannons with high pressure, collided and butted against the Vietnamese Fishery Control boat and hindered fishery control boat No. 951 from performing its law enforcement duties within Vietnam's continental shelf and exclusive economic zone.

China's acts violated Basic Principles of International Law and the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982, infringed Vietnam's sovereignty, went against political – legal commitments on the East Sea of the Chinese government in relations with ASEAN member

countries and high-level Vietnam-China agreements on basic principles guiding the settlement of maritime issues between the two countries in the East Sea and threatened to peace and stability of the region.

On behalf of tens of thousands of members working all over the country, the Vietnam Federation of Civil Engineering Associations violently protests perverse and flagrant acts of the Chinese authorities and declares:

1. Strongly oppose the Chinese authorities' acts seriously violating Vietnam's territorial integrity, sovereign rights and jurisdiction in Vietnam's exclusive economic zone and continental shelf.
2. Request the Chinese authorities to immediately withdraw the oil rig Haiyang Shiyou-981 and mission and military ships from Vietnam's exclusive economic zone and continental shelf as well as not repeat similar actions in the future.

Vietnam Federation of Civil Engineering Association, member organizations and members are willing to stand side by side with the Government and People throughout the country in order to resolutely fight to protect the territorial integrity territorial water of the Fatherland.

Vietnam Federation of Civil Engineering Association urgently calls for people working in the construction field in countries in the region and in the world, Asia - Pacific Society of Civil Engineers, China Civil Engineering Society and peace-loving people all over the world to condemn the Chinese authorities' violations, support Vietnam to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity, protect international law and preserve peace, stability and freedom of navigation in the East Sea and Asia - Pacific area.

Recipients:

- Central Commission for External Relations;
- Central Committee for Propaganda and Education;
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- Ministry of Information and Communications;
- Vietnam Union of Science and Technology Associations;
- Asia - Pacific Society of Civil Engineers;
- Construction Societies in countries;
- News and press agencies;
- Filling VP

**ON BEHALF OF PRESIDUM
VICE CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY GENERAL**

(Signed)

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