

2012 STATEMENT OF THE ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS: ASEAN'S SIX-POINT PRINCIPLES ON THE SOUTH CHINA SEA

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As a result of consultations among the ASEAN Foreign Ministers, the ASEAN Foreign Ministers issue the following:

“ASEAN’s Six-Point Principles on the South China Sea

ASEAN Foreign Ministers reiterate and reaffirm the commitment of ASEAN Member States to:

- 1. the full implementation of the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (2002);*
- 2. the Guidelines for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (2011);*
- 3. the early conclusion of a Regional Code of Conduct in the South China Sea;*
- 4. the full respect of the universally recognized principles of International Law, including the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS);*
- 5. the continued exercise of self-restraint and non-use of force by all parties; and*
- 6. the peaceful resolution of disputes, in accordance with universally recognized principles of International Law, including the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).*

The ASEAN Foreign Ministers resolve to intensify ASEAN consultations in the advancement of the above principles, consistent with the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (1976) and the ASEAN Charter (2008).”