

Press Release: Myanmar's Statement on the Award of the Arbitral Tribunal on the South China Sea under Annexure VII of UNCLOS

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Myanmar has taken note of the Award made by the Arbitral Tribunal under Annex VII to the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) on 12 July 2016. We are now studying the impact of the Award and its possible repercussions within our region and beyond.

Although Myanmar is not a claimant state, we attach great importance to developments in the South China Sea. We have been consistent in calling for and supporting all endeavours to promote a peaceful resolution of disputes through friendly consultations and negotiations, in accordance with universally recognized principles of international law including the 1982 UNCLOS.

Myanmar urges all parties to exercise restraint with regard to activities that could increase tension and to refrain from threats or use of force.

As a member of rules-based ASEAN, Myanmar is committed to the principle of rule of law in the conduct of foreign relations throughout the international community.

Myanmar will continue to work with ASEAN Member States and China for the full and effective implementation, based on consensus, of the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC) and the early conclusion of the Code of Conduct in the South China Sea (COC).

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