

The Philippines remains strongly committed to an internationally legally binding instrument under UNCLOS on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction. We believe it is integral to strengthening and promoting the international treaty framework.

So is the delimitation of maritime boundaries. In this regard, the Philippines and Indonesia jointly deposited our Maritime Boundary Delimitation Treaty with Undersecretary General Miguel Serpa Soares on 27 September 2019.

We are committed to peaceful resolution of disputes in the South China Sea in accordance with international law, including the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea. To this end, the July 2016 Arbitral Award—for all its seeming vacuity—is nonetheless

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