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## TOPIC

*Senkaku Island Dispute :: China’s Aggressive Advances In the Chinese Sea*

*Mindful* that the Senkaku Islands are currently in the possession of the Japanese government but are being disputed by both The Republic of China and The Peoples’ Republic of China,

*Recognizing* that there was no dispute over the Senkaku Islands until 1971, the same year an independent research team known as Bangkok-based Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) released a survey of the waters around the Senkaku Islands that suggested potentially rich deposits of oil beneath the seabed,

*Further Recognizing* that Japan has peacefully owned these islands for 50 years (1895-1945) until they were taken by the United States of America immediately following the Second World War where they remained in the possession of the United States until 1972 when they were gifted back to Japan,

*Noting* that this conflict takes its origins in the desire for economic gain from potential reserves of oil and gas which could be beneficial to whichever nation is the possession of the islands,

*Taking* into account that the International Law of the Sea does not offer a clear manner to define the Exclusive Economic Zones for both Japan and China,

*Deeply troubled* by recent flagrant violations of national sovereignty by The Peoples’ Republic of China in the South Chinese Sea such as the establishment of off-shore oil drilling in the EEZ of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam,

*Desiring* to avoid future conflicts in maritime seas through peaceful measures as opposed to military intervention,

Japan hereby:

*Calls for* a conference between the states of The People’s Republic of China, The Republic of China, Japan, and all other nations concerned with the stability and peace of East Asia to take place in the Le Grand Hotel in Paris, France on the Twentieth Day of April, 2015 in order to peacefully reach a diplomatic decision favoring all parties that:

a. Decides the fate of the Senkaku Islands,

b. Establishes clear Exclusive Economic Zones to prevent future conflict;

*Asks* UN members who are willing and able to impose light economic sanctions on countries who are unwilling to search for a peaceful resolution to the conflict in order to provide an incentive to work toward a peaceful solution to this territorial dispute;

*Recognizes* that Chinese occupation falls under Article 39 of the UN Charter, breaching the peace and embarking on acts of aggression that require reparative actions such as:

 a. Economic sanctions,

 b. Severance of diplomatic relations,

 c. Taking action by air, sea, or land forces,

 d. Blockade operations surrounding the island;

*Further Recognizes* that any territorial advancements by other nations on the Senkaku Islands will be considered as acts of war and as such fall under Article 43 of the UN Charter requiring all nations to take actions in accordance with:

a. A special agreement or agreements,

b. armed forces,

c. assistance,

d. facilities including rights of passage, necessary for the purpose of maintaining

international peace and security;

*Expresses* its hope for a peaceful solution to a dispute that has plagued the Eastern Asian provinces for more than 40 years.