

Those documents are about the Chinese claims in the SCS. The first one comes from India and criticizes the Chinese position, while the second one is a Chinese official standpoint.

The international court of justice in The Hague in the Netherlands is intended to settle the disputes between states.

The People's Daily is the newspaper of the Chinese communist party.

Tensions in the South China Sea

❶ Cartoon by Satish Acharya (India) published in 2016, when The Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague said that there was no evidence that China had ever exercised exclusive control historically over the South China Sea. Holding the pen: Xi Jinping.

In the background we can see a map of the SCS with the nine-dash line marked in red, with a caption at the bottom of the map.

In the foreground, Xi Jinping, the Chinese leader. He is reacting to the verdict of the Hague tribunal (aka the International Court of justice).



The verdict is against China. It says that neither the nine-dash line nor the "historic rights" claimed by China are legitimate.

Holding the verdict, a Chinese officer, which alludes to the deployment of Chinese military and naval assets in the SCS.

The words spoken by Xi mean that the cartoonist has no illusion that China won't abide by the decision of the ICJ. On the contrary, they choose to ignore it.

S. not qualified to make irresponsible remarks on South China Sea issue. Article in the People's Daily on 10 August 2021.

<http://en.people.cn/n3/2021/0810/c90000-9881981.html>

China criticizes the US. "Irresponsible" is a harsh word.

China argues that the US has not joined UNCLOS, which is right.

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 9 (Xinhua) – China said on Monday the United States is not qualified to make irresponsible remarks on the issue of South China Sea. "The United States itself is not qualified to make irresponsible remarks on the issue of South China Sea," Dai Bing, charge d'affaires of China's permanent mission to the United Nations, told the Security Council meeting on maritime security. "I also wish to point out that the Security Council is not the right place to discuss the issue of the South China Sea. The United States just mentioned the South China Sea issue, and China firmly opposes this act," said Dai. [...] The ambassador noted that the United States has been stirring up trouble out of nothing, arbitrarily sending advanced military vessels and aircraft into the South China Sea as provocations and publicly trying to drive a wedge into regional countries, especially countries concerned. "This country itself has become the biggest threat to peace and stability in the South China Sea," he said. "The US itself does not join UNCLOS (United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea), but considers itself a judge of the convention, pointing fingers at other countries and interfere arbitrarily. It has no credibility on maritime issues," said Dai.

China uses a series of harsh words to criticize the US policy in the SCS (see words marked in orange). Besides, China does not want the UN Security Council to get involved (anyway, China is a permanent member, so they it could block any resolution which

> Using the documents and your knowledge, explain the geopolitical tensions in the South China Sea. would not please her (by vetoing it).