

# **Update on the East Sea (South China Sea) from a Vietnamese perspective**

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# Recent developments in the SCS

- **South China Sea (SCS) in the Covid-19 time:**
  - + Basic issues remain the same
  - + Demand for connecting regions and help recovery
  - + Peace and stability become more important
- **Countries find ways to improve the situation:** Increased support for international law, cooperation and joint activities in the SCS
- **SCS still faces uncertainties in 2021:** Ships in overlapping EEZs, great power competition, new domestic maritime laws

# Canada joins international efforts

- To promote international law, especially the 1982 UNCLOS
- To object unilateral actions that undermine peace and stability
- To support allies and partners in the Asia-Pacific region
- The region welcomes the positive signal from Canada to enhancing cooperation and settling disputes in the region

# Expectations for the new Canadian government

- Canada can continue issuing statements in favour of greater cooperation in the South China Sea on the basis of international law
- Canada can continue to participate in joint activities, such as friendly navy ship visits, to ensure greater security and respect for international law in the region
- Canada can continue to promote more economic development with Vietnam and SEA countries

Thank you!