



## **Call by Vietnamese Community for Boycotting of the Beijing 2008 Olympics**

### **Open letter to:**

- **The Secretary-General of the United Nations**
- **Heads of States**
- **Peoples of the world**



On 2 December 2007, the government of Communist China formalized its occupation of Vietnamese sovereign territory the Paracel and Spratly Archipelagos when it unilaterally announced the establishment of the district of Tam Sa, as part of the Province of Hainan.

This decision is the culmination of a succession of brazen acts leading to the occupation of sovereign Vietnamese territory, including:

- The use of naval power to occupy all the Paracel islands on 19 January 1974
- The continued use of naval power to invade some of the Spratly islands on 14 March 1988
- The declared intention to annex the Paracel and Spratly Archipelagos on 14 April 1988.

Together with the repression of the people of Tibet who are fighting for freedom, these acts have unmasked the hegemonic nature of the Beijing regime, their readiness to use force to violate the territorial integrity of neighboring nations, regardless of historical evidence.

The Spratley and Paracel archipelagos have belonged to Vietnam for more than 300 years. China's acts of aggression and territorial occupation violated Article 2, Sub-Article 4, of the Charter of the United Nations which states:

*"The Organization and its Members, in pursuit of the Purposes stated in Article 1, shall act in accordance with the following Principles:*

*4. All Members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations."*

*Pursuant to such article, a member nation shall not use force, in any circumstances, to violate the independence and territorial integrity of another nation.*

China's illegal occupation of the Spratley and Paracel archipelagos will certainly create instability in East and South East Asia.

More deserving of condemnation is the fact that the government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam lacks the courage and fortitude to denounce publicly, and protest vigorously enough in the international forum, this flagrant invasion by their Communist mentor.

Considering the circumstances, we, Vietnamese all over the world:

- Earnestly denounce Chinese hegemony which has been evidenced by its brazen use of force to occupy territory and sea areas of neighbouring nations;
- Strongly condemn the occupation of Tibet and the barbarous repression of its people;
- Refute Chinese sovereignty over the Paracel and Spratly Archipelagos;
- Call on the United Nations and other peace-loving and justice-holding nations to use all means in their possession to pressure China to return these archipelagos to Vietnam.

Together with her disregard for the massacre in Darfur, her continued support for the military Junta in Burma, her violation of the human rights of her own citizens, her occupation of the Paracel and Spratly Archipelagos, and her invasion of Tibet and her repression of its people, are evidence that China does not deserve the right to host the 2008 Olympics. Communist China lacks the spirit of peace, unity, fortitude and respect for justice which are the essential underlying elements of successive Olympic Games.

For the above reasons, we solemnly call on the peoples of the world to:

**Boycott the Beijing 2008 Olympics**

**Overseas Vietnamese Community**

*The list of supporting organizations and individuals can be found at website: <http://www.acallfordemocracy.org/>*