The 2015 Award on Jurisdiction and Admissibility of the South China Sea Arbitration and the Insurmountable Thresholds

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Introduction

On January 22, 2013, the Philippines unilaterally initiated an arbitration against China under Part XV of and Annex VII to the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). According to the Philippines’ Notification and Statement of Claims, the goal was to seek a peaceful and durable resolu-

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1 For information released by the Permanent Court of Arbitration, see Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), PCA Case Repository: The Republic of Philippines v. The People’s Republic of China <https://pcacases.com/web/view/7> (last visited Sept. 25, 2016).