

**PLEASE, MR. PRESIDENT, GET THE SUPPORT OF OTHER  
COUNTRIES TO PRESSURE CHINA TO COMPLY WITH  
THE ARBITRAL RULING**

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**Yesterday, September 24, 2020, the Palace, through its Spokesperson, questioned our personal qualifications because of our humble suggestion to put in reality the President's invocation of the Arbitral Ruling by rallying the support of other countries to enforce the Arbitral Ruling against China.**

**We wish to say that this is not about me. This is about our countrymen and the West Philippine Sea.**

**This is about China illegally seizing our lands and waters, which our forefathers fought for us and our children and grandchildren.**

**This is about China taking our food, oil and gas that form part of our national patrimony reserved for Filipinos to help our country live and prosper.**

**This is about our fishermen, whose livelihood are being taken away by China. A large number of them were rammed at sea and, were it not for our Vietnamese neighbors, mercilessly left to die in the water.**

**This is about our coral reef systems and breeding grounds of fish which took thousands of years to form and, in a short span of time, destroyed by China to construct its military facilities and artificial islands in the Spratlys.**

**This is about our Constitution, which our officials have sworn to uphold, and which mandates our President and our military to secure our country's sovereignty and protect our lands and seas.**

**When China, in flagrant violation of international law was bullying our President with threats of war, where was the Palace Spokesperson?**

**Throughout these years, we have been calling upon our countrymen to unite and protect our West Philippine Sea. We continue to make this call and our respectful suggestion stands:**

**Please, Mr. President, get the support of other countries to pressure China to comply with the Arbitral Ruling. END**