

## **STATEMENT ON ARBITRAL TRIBUNAL OUTCOME**

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**The arbitral tribunal outcome is now an integral part of international law. This should have been the setting between the two presidents in Beijing.**

**For the Ph to have been asked to agree that it will not bring up the issue again is to effectively accept without equivocation that China is above the rule of law.**

**This would be so wrong. It would be a betrayal of the trust we have placed in our governance.**

**We must convince our leadership that we need to strengthen our resolve, and not have it weakened.**

**We need to prepare a strategy for taking our case to the UN. It will take time and hard work, but we must do this for the sake of our many generations to come. END**