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Security of SLOCs through the Indian Ocean to the Western Pacific Ocean

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壹、前 言

只要是有人類海洋活動之處,就必須考量海洋安全議題;但整個海洋安全的核心議題,其實就必然是海上交通線的安全問題。根據亞洲開發銀行在2006年所出版的官方刊物『2006年亞洲發展大勢』中所作之統計,亞洲整個區域內在2005年整體國內生產毛額總計平均成長率為極讓人欽羨之7.4%,同時展望2006年全年的表現還有可能再有所突破。無可置疑地,除非在政治軍事上發生損失極爲慘重的兵災戰禍,此種經濟發展大勢在可見之未來仍然還會保持同樣的勢頭。

I. Introduction

Wherever there are maritime activities, there are concerns of maritime security. The fundamental concern of the maritime security is, inevitably, the security of SLOCs (Sea Lanes of Communication). According to the statistics provided by the Asian Development Bank in its official publication titled "Asian Development 2006", Asia is a region with an impressive aggregate GDP (gross domestic product) growth of 7.4% in 2005 and an even more optimistic final outcome

has been expected for 2006. Undeniably, the a mega-trend may reasonably extend for the time being unless any drastic politico-military calamity would ever happen in the foreseeable future.

不過,在過去三十年間,整個亞洲沿海地區此種令人稱道的經濟成長,其實還是必須要靠海洋運輸來支持整個出口導向的經濟策略,同時整個亞洲最終亦因此從而形成其經濟架構。從印度洋至西太平洋沿海各國經濟架構。從印度洋至西太平洋沿海各國,均視用於運輸貨物商品的海上自由通航權為其最核心之國家利益;因此,在此等國家之戰略算計及政策規擘目標排行榜上,海線交通安全總是名列前茅。

Nevertheless, such a remarkable advancement of the economic development almost around the whole Asian littoral zone in the past three decades has been essentially relied on maritime transportation that facilitates their export-oriented development strategy and, eventually, economic structure. All the coastal states from the Indian Ocean to the Western Pacific Ocean treat the free passage of goods across the sea as their vital national interests. Hence, we should never be surprised that SLOC security always stays at the top of these states' strategic calculation and poli-



cy formulation list.

Although enormous efforts, regardless individually or collectively, have already been paid by states along these sea routes to promote the SLOC security in recent years, yet, insecurities still exist. Risks such as political instability among regional states, maritime territorial disputes as well as conflicting maritime jurisdictional claims have never been totally defused. Problems such as different perspectives regarding the freedom of the seas as well as rights of passage principles are still too early to say that can be mutually satisfactorily-solved. New emerging threats such as piracy, oil-spillage, marine pollution and trans-national maritime crimes like drug-trafficking, poaching and over-fishing have not yet been well-managed.

依據近年來聯合國商貿發展會報逐年出刊之海事運輸年報,全球海洋商貿活動數量仍續維持逐年擴張之勢,同時只要全球經濟成長之勢得以維持現有之榮景,則此勢將仍可在近期內維持不變。只要自該刊隨機摘取幾個統計數字,諸如在2006年年初時全球商業海運噸位賡續成長7.2%,而達9億6千萬載重噸之高;同時全球商船隊平均船齡亦向下

略減至12.2年—— 凡此皆足證未來全球商業 海運均朝正面發展之種種氣象。然在此等正 面跡象之後,蓬勃昌盛之亞洲商貿與航運活 動實乃功不可沒之最大主因。

According to those annual Review of Maritime Transport reports edited by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in recent years, global maritime trade activities continue to expand and may sustain such a tendency as long as the global economic growth may still uphold. A glimpse of statistics such as a 7.2 per cent expansion of merchant fleet reaching 960.0 million deadweight tons at the beginning of 2006 as well as an improvement of the average age of world merchant fleet to 12.2 years tells us a very positive indication for the future of the global maritime transportation. Behind those positive indications, the boost of the maritime activities around Asian waters provides the main thrust.

貳、亞洲水域中之海洋運輸及海上 交通線

起自印度洋而至西太平洋間之海上交通線,必須航經數目眾多之船運扼制點,其主要均爲諸如曼德海峽(Bab el Mandeb)、荷姆茲海峽(Strait of Hormuz)、麻六甲海峽(Strait of Malacca)、巽他海峽(Sunda Strait)、龍目海峽(Lombok Strait)、馬加撒海峽(Makassar Strait)、巴士海峽(Bashi Channel)、臺灣海峽(Taiwan Strait)、對馬海峽(Tsushima Strait)、津輕海峽(Tsugaru Strait)、宗谷海峽(Soya/La Perouse Strait)以及大隅海峽(Osumi Strait)等國際海峽所在地。除此等國際海峽之外,亞洲水域中尚有爲數眾多之水道、海峽及各群島間指定之航道,主要係供區域內海上輸運使用,其輸運通航量雖不及前述之國際海

峽,然其重要性亦不容輕忽。

II. SLOCs and Maritime Transportation in Asian Waters

From the Indian Ocean to the Western Pacific Ocean, SLOCs may include numerous chock points, mainly international straits such as Bab el Mandeb, Strait of Hormuz, Strait of Malacca, Sunda Strait, Lombok Strait, Makassar Strait, Bashi Channel, Taiwan Strait, Tsushima Strait, Tsugaru Strait, Soya (La Perouse) Strait and Osumi Strait. Apart from these major international straits, there are numerous waterways, channels, as well as passages among archipelagos around Asian waters with less navigational significances which mainly serve the intra-regional maritime transportation.

海上交通線誠屬維繫亞洲沿海各國經濟 繁榮之棟樑;根據國際貨幣基金會2005年4 月所作估算,全球依國內生產毛額帳面總值 排序前三十名國家或地區,就有七個經濟體 緊鄰自印度洋至西太平洋之海上交通線。其 依序爲日本(全球第二名 -- 國内生產毛額 總值四兆伍仟七百餘億美元)、中共 (全球 第四名 — 國内生產毛額總值二兆四仟餘億 美元)、大韓民國(全球第十名 --- 國内生產 毛額總值七仟九佰餘億美元)、印度(全球 第十二名 — 國内生產毛額總值七仟七佰餘 億美元)、澳洲 (全球第十五名 -- 國內生產 毛額總值七仟零七十餘億美元)、中華民國 (全球第二十一名 --- 國内生產毛額總值三仟 四佰餘億美元)以及印尼(全球第二十六名 — 國内生產毛額總值二千七佰餘億美元)。 前述各國無一不爲全球性之商貿強國;其中 日本穩坐第二名多年,展望未來亦恐無他國 能輕易取而代之。中共與印度這兩個挺身振 作之經濟巨人後勢看好,未來數十年中可望 再將其排名向前推進。不過未來這一切願景 能否實現,亦或是美夢成空其實端賴未來是 否可確保海上交通線之安全無虞。

SLOCs are the vital mechanism to sustain the prosperity of the Asian littoral states. Based on the estimation made by the International Monetary Fund in April 2005, seven states of the top thirty GDP producers in world rank are located next to the SLOCs from the Indian Ocean to the Western Pacific Ocean. They are Japan (rank 2-4,571,314 million USD), People's Republic of China (rank 4 - 2,406,021 million USD), Republic of Korea (rank 10-793,070 million USD), India (rank 12-775,410 million USD), Australia (rank 15-707,992 million USD), Republic of China (rank 21-346,141 million USD) and Indonesia (rank 26-276,004 million USD). All of them are global trading powers with no exception. Japan has been seated on the chair of the second biggest GDP producers for years. It is less likely to be easily replaced for the moment. Two emerging economic giants, China and India, may have a good chance to improve their rank in coming decades. Nevertheless, whether such an ambition can be achieved or otherwise turns to be an illusion is virtually depending on the security of SLOCs in the future.

自印度洋至西太平洋沿岸地區聚居著約 三十億之人口,所有居住此間眾人之生計, 其實或多或少均與海洋運輸息息相關。至少 其生活品質必然要仰賴海洋輸運所賜,因其 所能擇選之進口商品,或是製造國內生產商 品所需進口原材,無一不賴海洋輸運在其後 支持,方能交貨上市供消費者所選用。

There are over three billion populations living in the littoral zone around the Indian Ocean to the Western Pacific Ocean. Most of them live on some sort of economic activities associated with maritime transportation. At least, their quality of life surely depends on maritime transportation because whether they may have more choices in selecting commodities all relies on either foreign imports or materials from oversea for supporting domestic manufacturing processes.

因此亞洲各國自然就會挑起全球海洋輸運之大樑,同時亦自然會在某些特定項目具有宰制全局的地位。依據2004年海事運輸年報,全球35.8%的貨櫃輪所有權掌控在亞洲各國之手,45.7%的貨櫃運輸作業、60.4%的海員、62.3%的貨櫃轉口作業、64.7%的港口貨櫃裝卸作業、83.2%的貨櫃輪新建作業以及99%的拆船作業,若非由亞洲各國經濟發展一片業內提供,就是由亞洲各國經濟發展一片業內,前述統計數字百分比到如今必然還會有所成長。

Asian nations, therefore, naturally become major actors in global maritime transportation, and inevitably hold significant shares in a number of specific items. According to figures noted in the 2004 Review of Maritime Transport, nations in Asia accounted for 35.8 per cent of container ship ownership, 45.7 per cent of container operation, 60.4 per cent of seamen, 62.3 per cent of container port throughout, 64.7 per cent of container ship building and 99 per cent of ship demolition. Given the impressive positive economic development among most of the Asian states in the past two years, we may reasonably expect an even bigger share at this instant.

此外與世界上其他各大洲相比,亞洲各國在海運出口百分比方面具有絕對性之優勢,在2004年中全球37.2%的海洋輸運總噸

位係由亞洲各國所締造,此爲全球其他各洲 難望其項背之佔有率。同樣地,在過去幾年 中,由於經濟榮景不斷,因此亞洲幾個特定 原材供應國擴張出口來滿足訂單需求,而茲 此同時幾乎所有亞洲各國之製造業亦有所成 長並同樣地擴張出口量,因此吾人深信此一 總噸位佔有率理應再有所提升。其實在2003 年時所作之預估,就顯示在2005年及2006年 雨年中,東亞與南亞各國單就貨櫃裝運之商 貿總噸位可望達到年成長率11%的水準;此 皆賴亞洲各國區域內交易量,以及中共對北 美地區及歐盟各國出口量大量擴張所賜。基 於此種強勢之市場需求,吾人對全球海運企 業五十強其中就有28家源於亞洲或其總部設 於亞洲,就不應感到任何訝異。此外全球前 二十名的貨櫃海運公司,其中就有半數若非 亞洲本土企業,就是將其營運管理中心設於 亞洲。同樣地,全球前六大貨櫃輸運港,或 是全球前三十大貨櫃港就有20個是緊鄰自印 度洋至西太平洋之海上交通線。東亞航運前 六強 — 日本、中共、大韓民國、中華民 國、香港及新加坡,其所有商船總噸位之 和,超過全球總額30%。再加上亞洲各國近 年來無一不在發展海洋輸運能力,未來亞洲 各國海上商運船舶總噸位佔有率,近期內勢 必將會更加向上提升。

Moreover, compared with other continents of the world, Asian countries keep a noteworthy preponderance of seaborne world export, actually, 37.2 per cent of the total tonnage in 2004, the largest share of the world then. Again, we may also reasonably believe a growth of share in the past few years because the increasing export of both raw materials from specific Asian suppliers and manufactured goods from almost all Asian states may contribute to such tendency. Actually, a prediction already made in 2003 noted that con-

tainerized trade of South and East Asian nations would have a chance to grow at an annual rate of 11 per cent in 2004 and 2005 due to a growth of intra-Asian trade and Chinese export to North America and Europe. Given such a strong demand, we have no surprise to notice that 28 of the global top 50 liner shipping companies are based in Asia. Half of the first twenty largest container shipping lines in the world are owned by Asian states or based in Asia. Also, the top six largest container ports and twenty of the world's top thirty container ports are located along those SLOCs from the Indian Ocean to the Western Pacific Ocean. Six major ship owners in East Asia including Japan, PRC, ROK, ROC, Hong Kong and Singapore hold more than thirty per cent of the total world shipping tonnage. Adding efforts paid by other Asian states, we may foresee an even bigger share in the near future.

展望未來在亞洲海域進一步拓展海洋運 輸之中長期前景,其實就必須考量諸如東亞 — 尤其是整個東北亞地區 — 糧穀產量不敷 所需,以及對基本能源——原油、煤炭、液 化天然氣或液化石油氣 — 需求不斷成長等 結構性因素。此外只要亞洲各國在製造業方 面仍然得以保持商貿優勢,就算製造商會隨 亞太區域内既存之垂直分工體系,自某些國 家次遞向區域内其他國家移轉,但對諸如鐵 礦石等相關原材之整體需求量,勢必在未來 數十年間仍會維持穩定成長。當然在十年前 1997年亞洲金融風暴的確對整個發展大勢造 成相當顯著之衝擊,同時也確實造成區域內 海洋輸運需求量之頓挫。不過,在此區域內 大部份國家很快地以令人訝異的速度,重續 其原來經濟發展計畫之進程,充份地展現出 這些國家確實具有維持下一世代長期經濟成 長之高度潛能。因此未來對於海上輸運需求 仍應維持擴張之勢,至少其幅度可望與國内 生產毛額總值成長相互匹配。同理,其他方 面之海洋活動,亦可望伴隨經濟發展同步成 長。

The mega-trend for a further expansion of maritime transportation in Asian waters in the medium-term and long-term perspectives is actually based on some structural demands such as insufficient grain production around East Asia, predominantly Northeast Asia, as well as growing energy demands from crude oil, coal to LPG/LNG. Furthermore, as long as the Asian states still hold the economical leverage in manufacturing production, the demand of raw materials such as iron ore will increase steadily in coming generations though the venders may shift from states to states within the region as the vertical labor of division already existed in the Asianpacific. Of course, the 1997 Asian financial crisis happened a decade ago had affected some megatrend significantly and indeed ever caused a brief setback of regional demand for maritime transportation. However, most of states within the region resumed their economic development agenda amazingly quick thus indicated the high potential of a sustainable economic growth in next generation. Subsequently, the growing demand of maritime transportation will stay at the same time and at least the same rate as GDP growth. Likewise, other dimensions of maritime activities may also march forward accompanied with economic growth.

參、吾人之共業同榮

就能與其國家利益相接軌的國家數目而 言,吾人實在不可能找到任何能與海洋輸運 相匹敵的案例。在亞洲海域內之海洋輸運作 業,與其利益相關者其實並不僅限於亞洲各國;假如要一一列舉出來,這份名單很可能會遠遠超出任何人之想像。假若在從印度洋到西太平洋的海上交通線上任何一點發生事故,導致某艘商船遇難而沉沒,此時要列舉出來與此一海事案件有關的國家,或是因其國民權益受損而能依法主張償付的國家,恐怕將會寫出一張令人訝異萬分的冗長名單。

III. Our Commonage and Commonweal

We could never find another example like maritime transportation that may associate with so many nations' interests. Maritime transportation activities conducted within Asian waters are not merely related to those interests of Asian states. The list of parties concerned may extend to far beyond your best imagination. Should any maritime insecurity happen at any point along the sea routes from the Indian Ocean to the Western Pacific Ocean that caused a loss of a merchant vessel, we may need to write a long list of states that could involve in such a sad event, or even claim a right for their own nationals.

這份名單將包括下列各方所屬國籍各國:船東、貨主、船員、船隻保險商、貨主、船員、船隻保險商、船籍註、船員、船隻商、船籍註、船员商之再保險商之再保險商之不免一提大家都可能是要不免一提大家都可能各方因此商運行為與一前述各方因此商運行為與一前述各方因此商運行為學者之金主,其中包括船隻本身同時也要考事教育,以在亞洲海域所發生之海,與然有可能會在世界上其他角落中,與然有可能會在世界上其他角落中,與然有可能會在世界上其他角落中,以及甚至是怨懟,發生在亞洲海域之船難,其所引起之波瀾絕無可能僅止於亞洲。

This list will start with states of the following parties: ship's owners, cargoes' owners, ship's

crews, ship's insurers, cargoes' insurers, re-insurers of corresponding insurers, ship's registration, and the last but not the least, associated loan providers-both for the ship itself and for the cargoes. Maritime insecurity happened in Asian waters may easily cause sorrow, mayhem and even hatred in many other places around the world. The impact can not be confined within the Asia only.

In recent years, the tendency of expanding the scope of maritime activities does take places in Asian waters. In addition to those existing maritime transportation as well as fishery industry, we have also noticed that a growth of oceanic mining activities, particularly, drilling and pumping crude oil as well as natural gas at sea. Moreover, tourism at sea leads to a boost of cursing business and subsequently, a demand of cruisers that may accommodate tourists at sea or even private sailing yachts that serve those newly-rich wealthy social elites among different Asian societies. An expansion of fish farms including their size, depth, vol-

ume, and quantity, has been substantiated due to the improvement of the aquaculture technology. All these tendencies make our Asian people even more depend on the maritime activities. And to some extent, the concern of securing SLOCs will still firmly sit on the top of any Asian state's political agenda in the future.

After all, any maritime activity is in essence a matter of global reach. This is the reason why any crime committed at sea and beyond the scope of any individual vessel such as piracy, slavery, and population smuggling will be naturally viewed as a universal crime that can be prosecuted as well as morally condemned by all states in the world. Indeed, SLOCs security as a public good should serve everyone's interest. On the same token, everyone should also shoulder the task of securing the SLOCs security regardless of their geographical locations because any SLOCs insecurity may ultimately undermine their interests. Yet, saying much without any substantial action will merely serve nothing. An awareness of maritime security, particularly, the security of SLOCs is our commonweal will eventually lead to some measures more applicable.

肆、吾人必須長久關注之重點

誠如前述,所有足以威脅海線交通安全 之因素,對吾人而言,其實早已知曉並無訝 人新義。回顧自印度洋至西太平洋間此等潛 在之威脅,或許應更確切名爲值得關切之 處,將可凸顯某些恆久不移之常理。首先, 在亞洲海域海上交通線週邊各國國內之政情 動盪,的確令人不敢掉以輕心完全釋然;誠 然此等政治動亂的確看起來不太可能波及海 上,再度產生像70年代末期中南半島周邊海 域難民充斥的慘劇。但在此一世紀之初葉, 吾人處處可見亞洲各國政治傳承與政權交 替,尚以非民主及不合法理,同時或許算是 非正義之方式達成。儘管其多數此等政治動 亂並實質影響海線交通安全,但是吾人對此 仍有疑慮。只要想起以往有那些窮凶惡極之 國,對海上位處狹窄水域之無辜過往商船濫 射導彈時,要花上好長一段時間才能自此種 慘劇中恢復和平常態,全身就實在會不寒而 慄。

IV. Our Long Lasting Concerns

As mentioned above, factors that threatened SLOCs security are by no means anything new to us. A brief review of these potential threats, more precisely, concerns, about the SLOCs security from the Indian Ocean to the Western Pacific Ocean may indicate some fundamental truth of SLOCs security. First, political instability among states next to the SLOCS in Asian waters does cause utmost concerns though the possibility of these political chaos in these states cause serious turmoil at sea like those refugees that we had ever seen around Indo-China peninsula in

late 1970s is relatively unlikely. At the dawn of this century, we have still seen some political successions in Asian states through non-democratic and non-legitimate, and arguably injustice, process. Although most of these political disorders never substantially affected the SLOCs security, yet, the potential still exists. It takes a long time to recover from some horrendous incidents caused by rough regimes shooting missiles toward innocent merchant vessels in narrow waters.

區域内各國相互較勁,實有可能最終淪 爲敵對衝突甚至開火熱戰,實爲維繫海線交 通安全另一隱憂。許多政治人物往往會利用 既存之海上領土爭議 — 此即區域内戰略關 注焦點之所在,將其挑起俾供國內政治消費 之用。然令人扼腕的是這些尚未解決之海上 領土爭議,往往就緊鄰許多國家賴以生存之 海上生命線。或許這正就是爲何目前各國都 願意擱置爭議,將這些議題暫予降溫,因爲 唯有如此方能有利於發展海上輸運共謀眾人 之利。其實許多區域組織以及事涉各方,都 已經長久努力共同營建出諸如共同行爲準則 等等之機制,俾以化解或約制此等爭端。然 吾人必須坦言,假若此等機制未能見效,美 國、日本及中共相互間之戰略較勁與未來可 能發生之對立,則必將攪亂整個大局。

Rivalry among states that may possibly further direct to ultimate enmity or even hot war is another concern. Maritime territorial disputes where those strategic hot spots located can be raised by politicians in these states in order to satisfy domestic political consumptions. Ironically, many unsettled maritime territorial disputes happen to situate next to those vital lifelines for many states. Perhaps this is why these disputes can be suspended or cooled down in a way to serve collective interests brought by facilitating

maritime transportation. Some mechanism such as certain code of conducts has been established based on the persistent efforts made by the regional organizations as well as parties concerned. Strategic competitions and potential rivalry among powers like the US, Japan and the PRC may worsen the situation, should these mechanism do not function well as expected.

Second, the awareness of maritime sovereign rights makes littoral states seek favorable interpretations of judiciary codes regarding maritime activities in order to better serve their national interests. Efforts mainly target on how the foreign warships should practice the right of innocent passage in littoral states' territorial sea as well as transit passage through international straits. Some efforts also allocate to add restrictions of naval activities in EEZ or adjacent waters. New focus in recent years shifted to put tighter control on those shipments of hazardous wastes passing territorial seas and exclusive economic zones. In essence, no matter what has been adopted as the excuse, it is a long lasting rivalry between coastal states for

safeguarding their maritime interests, and sometimes overall security interests, and maritime powers for sustaining freedom of action at sea that they always enjoy.

其實從17世紀初葉荷蘭海洋法大師格老 休斯首倡公海自由原則至今,整個法律辯論 的現實本意並無改變; 所有在此方面所作之 算計,原則上就是那些採取主動者要確保其 自由不受到約制,但在此同時卻希冀對他人 的自由儘量加以約束或削減。迄今爲止仍有 許多學者專家擔憂沿海各國紛紛向外擴張主 權管轄範圍,此種趨勢終將使可供自由航行 之公海所剩無幾。此外在某種程度上,此種 趨勢亦必將損及海線交通之安全。吾人是否 能夠在此種海洋管轄權上之利益衝突中找到 妥協點,其實尚在未定之天。不過基於海洋 輸運對於支持沿海各國經濟發展來說,其實 是件相當重要之因素;因此吾人認爲在可預 見之未來中,應當沿海國都不會採取眞正過 激之舉動來威脅公海航行自由及海運交通安 全。但是不免偶而還是會不時發出一些言辭 激昂的聲明,俾用以化解國內政治上之壓 力。但歸根究底假若要以犧牲經濟實利,作 爲擴展周邊海域司法管轄範圍宣揚國威的代 價,兩者相比實在是太過懸殊。

The reality of the freedom of the seas does not change too much since such principle was first advocated by the famous Dutch maritime judiciary guru Hugo Grotius in the early 17th century. Any effort made in this dimension is literally to secure freedom for those who initiated the effort, and meanwhile, putting restrictions on others. Many researchers quite concern whether all these sovereign rights claimed by the littoral states may eventually confine the space of free maneuver at high seas. Also, to some extent, the tendency of expanding sovereign rights may under-

mine the SLOCs security. Whether we may successfully find a trim point for this conflict of interest in the maritime judiciary arena is still quite uncertain. Nevertheless, since maritime transportation is so important for those coastal states to sustain their economic development in the future. We may expect no radical stance will present for the time being. Some provocative claims or declarations made by governments to soothe pressure caused by internal politics seem unavoidable. However, the stake of surrendering economic interests as quid pro quo for national pride acquired from expanding sphere of maritime jurisdiction is simply too high.

最後還是要不免一提,跨越國界的海洋 犯罪行爲——諸如海盜、海洋污染、盜捕魚 獲、濫捕魚群及油品洩漏——都可能對海洋 運輸帶來不可輕忽之負面影響。雖然環顧亞 洲海域,沿海各國對此業已投注相當心力; 針對海上執法行動、特別側重於肅清海盜之 多邊合作方案,目前正是東南亞國協各會員 國全心投注之課題。以往多年之外交折衝斡 旋總算是能開花結果,修得各國以正面態度 面對海洋事務營建區域合作之善報。對於引 進區域外國家所提供之助力,許多國家對此 仍不免有所疑慮,此因懷疑此舉恐將引狼入 室,使外國獲得政治干預之操作基點。對 此,本人認爲應正面回應區域外各國所願提 供之助力。平心而論,對維護亞洲海域之海 線交通安全而言,此等區域外各個國家確實 具有其合法地位與權利,此蓋因所有發生在 本區域內之海上危安事件,終究將會衝擊到 世界各地其他國家之權益。因此假若吾人能 視派遣維和部隊,至世界上其他地區執勤係 基於服膺全人類之善良公益,則對區域外世 界各國願對維護亞洲海域海線交通安全提供 助力,就不該加以擋駕而拒人於千里之外。



回顧2005年年底亞洲所發生之大海嘯災難, 許多區域外各國均參與災後處理與救難工 作,此因其國民亦身陷其中,故其自然就享 有合法地位涉身其中。同理,其亦應對維護 亞洲海域海線交通安全享有一定程度之發言 權,此因任何海上危安事件,終將會有可能 危及其合法權益。

Last but not the least, transnational maritime crimes or incidents like piracy, marine pollution, poaching, over-fishing and oil spillage bring considerable negative impacts to maritime transportation. Some efforts have been made by many coastal states in Asian waters. Multi-lateral cooperation on maritime law enforcement, particularly anti-piracy, has been addressed by ASEAN states. Diplomatic efforts finally prevail and thus create an atmosphere suitable for regional cooperation on maritime affairs. A fundamental speculation on inviting external involvement has been submitted by some states due to the concern of a potential foreign political intervention behind these assistances. For this, I would like to suggest a positive attitude to embrace assistances provided by states outside the region. Actually, it is their legitimate interests to involve in sustaining SLOCs security in Asian waters since any insecurity happened in this region may subsequently affect other's interests any where in the world. We should also think about if we can dispatch PKO forces to other continent for good cause then there is no reason to decline states from other region to provide aids on SLOCs security affairs. Just think about the Southeast Asia tsunami happened in late 2005. Many nations from other regions do have a right to involve in postdisaster management because the loss of their nationals. On the same token, they do have same

right to participate the task of promoting SLOCs security in Asian waters since any insecurity may endanger their legitimate interest.

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V. Our Commitments

The Republic of China on Taiwan would never wish to be a missing link of the SLOCs security in Asian waters. Ironically, it might be a sad fact due to political reality though the ROC is indeed a viable political entity in the world. Nevertheless, we still commit ourselves to assure the security of the SLOCs in the vicinity of Taiwan. The ROC government has persistently invested in our capacity of SAR (Search and Rescue), navigational aid, hydrographic survey, oil-spillage management, vessel seaworthy inspection, maritime law-enforcement and weather forecast service for merchant vessels. We wish to sustain our pride of providing safe sea routes in our neighboring waters. No one can and should tolerate any imperfection on the security of SLOCs

from the Indian Ocean to the Western Pacific Ocean.

Nevertheless, the political differences across the Taiwan Strait actually negate some of our efforts of assuring SLOCs security. Taiwan as a major player in the global maritime activities should not be excluded from many multi-lateral arenas for negotiating our common maritime interests. We also like to ask Beijing to consider some constructive maritime cooperation with us that may in due course promote regional SLOCs security. In summary, the motto "all for one, and one for all" may best describe how solemn the commitment of the ROC to the security of the SLOCs in the waters around Taiwan.

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