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## Presentation: Maintaining Peace and Stability in the South China Sea and Enhance Win-win

Since the commencement of the dialogue relationship in 1991, China-ASEAN relations have traversed an extraordinary path, and become a fine example of good-neighborliness and cooperation. In order to get disputes under control, China and ASEAN countries singed the DOC in 2002 and began COC consultation process in 2013. The relevant parties should fully respect historical facts and international law, bolster pragmatic cooperation and enhance mutual trust at sea. Towards such end, four proposals are made:

First, China and ASEAN countries should push forward and expand cooperation along one river (Lancang-Mekong River) and in one sea (South China Sea).

Second, China and ASEAN countries should make full use of the China-Southeast Asia Research Center on the South China Sea and the China-ASEAN Maritime Cooperation Fund to provide intellectual and financial support.

Third, China and ASEAN should coordinate to promote the implementation of the DOC and the consultation process of the COC in order to institutionalize the management of South China Sea disputes.

Fourth, non-claimants must refrain from interfering with the South China Sea in order to create a good external environment for the smooth implementation of the dual-track approach.