



Workshop 3: Continental Shelf: Post-May 2009 Perspectives

Relevance

The submissions of continental shelf extensions that involve issues of maritime boundaries and overlapping claims will impact on the Seas of East Asia region.

States are encouraged to find beneficial arrangements and greater cooperation for sustainable development of their shared marine areas.





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Conclusions

Peace and stability are prerequisites to any objectives of cooperation.

Only the states can resolve their boundary disputes.

Submissions brought to the front controversies in the Seas of East Asia region, particularly, the South China Sea.





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Recommendations

- **Resulting boundary disputes should be used as opportunity for renewed dialogue between neighboring states.**
- **Technical work on submissions may assist in clarifying various state positions that can be opportunity for step forward in the political process.**
- **Explore possibilities for joint cooperation zones for undisputed islands through inclusive dialogue.**
- **Promote continued dialogues and discussion and minimize the tone of discussion among states.**

