

Question for written answer E-009338/2015
to the Council
Rule 130
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Subject: South China Sea Peace Initiative

The East China Peace Initiative, launched by President Ma of Taiwan (ROC) in 2012, has been successful in yielding results such as the historic fisheries agreement signed between the Taiwan and Japan in 2013. This was an agreement that set sovereignty claims aside in order to make way for a pragmatic agreement aimed at the sharing of resources to the benefit of peace and the economy.

President Ma has recently launched a similar initiative for the South China Sea. It is hoped that this can result in similar benefits and contribute to trust-building in the region. At a time when issues of sovereignty and resource exploitation are destabilising the entire region, this should be a welcomed initiative.

1. Is the Council aware of the initiative of President Ma and, if so, what conclusions, if any, has the Council reached regarding endorsement of the initiative?
2. Will the Council take steps to endorse the initiative and examine the possibilities of actively engaging with the proposals?