**All items in bold may be subject to change as research is done and scenario developed**

**The Situation**

Tensions are high in the **South China Sea**. **China** has long claimed that all land and waters within the **Nine-Dash Line** belongs to **China**. However, member nations of **ASEAN** have their own territorial claims in the South China Sea which overlap with **China’s** and each other. Of major contention are the **Spratly Islands**, a group of 14 islands and hundreds of reefs, which different nations occupying the islands. Both China and **ASEAN** are interested in exerting control over these islands for territorial claims and resources. However, all parties are also interested in maintaining the area as an open trade route, as trillions of dollars of trade moves through the area. Interested in maintaining freedom of navigation and open seas in the region, the **United States** has dispatched a Carrier Strike Group to the area.

**China**

As **China**, you have an interest in exerting influence over the islands. With the growth of other nations, you fear that they may infringe on your territorial waters uncontested. Thus, you have increased your presence in the region. Furthermore, you have begun to establish military bases and airfields to solidify your claim.

Your naval capacity consists of:

* **Insert naval capacity here**

You have additional naval assets at port which may be requested:

* **Ported assets**

Additionally, you have access to the following:

* **Satellite Reconnaissance**

Your tasks/objectives are as follows:

* **Exert control over the Spratly Islands**
* **Enforce your territorial claims over waters surrounding the Spratly Islands**

**ASEAN**

As **ASEAN**, you have an interest in exerting influence over the islands. Despite poverty and lack of funds, these islands present an opportunity to extend your territory and lay claim to natural resources in the area. However, militarily you are weak. You have recently acquired **6 submarines** from Russia. This represents your fighting power. Your other vessels are merchant and fishing ships, used for transport and economy purposes.

Your assets:

* **6 Diesel submarines**
* **X merchant vessels**
* **X fishing vessels**

Your tasks/objectives:

* **Exert control over Spratly Islands**
* **Reap economic benefits of the region’s resources**

**United States of America**

As the **United States of America**, you are in the area to maintain freedom of navigation. As such, any interference by any other nations on the area’s shipping is to be frowned upon. You follow UNCLOS, which dictates territorial waters as up to 12 NM off the coast. You do not officially recognize other nation’s claims to territorial waters outside of this law. You have a single Carrier Strike Group in the area, as well as additional assets ported in Japan and Hawaii available for deployment.

Your naval assets:

* **1 Aircraft Carrier**
* **2 Cruisers**
* **6 Destroyers**
* **2 Nuclear Submarines**
* **2 Supply ships**

Your naval forces are not capable of indefinite deployment, and **must be resupplied after some time.** Your supply ships are capable of returning to port, gathering supplies, and resupplying your military vessels.

You may request additional assets ported in Japan and Hawaii, which will X time to arrive:

* **More ships here**

You have the following, additional assets:

* **Satellite reconnaissance**
* **Aircraft/drone reconnaissance**

Your tasks/objectives

* **Enforce freedom of navigation in area**
* **Deter aggression**