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**SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS RESEARCH 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.

**Possible Events**

**For GM Reference; Do not give to players**

* Piracy
* Sudden Loss of Signal of a ship (any party)
* Collision
* Ship sinking
* Typhoon

**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 military assets:

* **3 Destroyers**
* **4 Anti-submarine aircraft**
* **3 Reconnaissance UAVs**
* **2 Early warning jets (AEW&C)**

Additionally, you have access to the following:

* **1 Aircraft carrier available in the South China Sea for routing to the Spratly Islands**
* **Mainland ports and ported naval assets**
* **Creation of additional man-made islands**
* **Oil rig/military base near islands**
* **Satellite Reconnaissance**

Your tasks/objectives:

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

Your relations with other parties:

* **You see ASEAN as an inferior coalition of nations, in the way of expansion**
* **You dislike the United States for interfering in the region, and continually assert that they leave the area.**
* **You do not wish to engage in an armed conflict with the United States, as their navy is superior to yours.**

You know the following about the other parties:

* **You know ASEAN has purchased 6 Russian diesel submarines. You have only seen 2 thus far via satellite photos.**
* **Intel Here**

Desired End State:

* **Undisputed control over the Islands and surrounding waters**

**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. You currently occupy one island in the area. However, militarily you are weak. You have recently acquired **6 submarines** from Russia. This represents the bulk of your fighting power. Your other vessels are merchant and fishing ships, used for transport and economy purposes.

Your assets:

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

Your tasks/objectives:

* **Occupy and exert control over Spratly Islands**
* **Reap economic benefits of the region’s resources**

Your relations with other parties:

* **You support United States presence in the region as a peacekeeping force**
* **You oppose Chinese expansion into the region and its territorial claims**

You know the following about the other parties:

* **Intel here**

Desired End State:

* **Peaceful resolution of South China Sea claims within international norms (ie UNCLOS)**
* **Improved relations with China based on mutual respect**
* **A strong ASEAN**

**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 military assets:

* **1 Aircraft Carrier + air wing**
* **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 take **X** **turns** 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**

Your relations with other parties:

* **You oppose China’s expansion and all actions related to this.**
* **You support ASEAN in enforcing international norms for territorial claims.**
* **You oppose any and all actions that limit freedom of navigation in the area.**

You know the following about the other parties:

* **ASEAN has purchased 6 Russian diesel submarines. You are aware of 5 in service.**
* **Intel Here**

Desired End State:

* **Peaceful relations in the region**
* **Free navigation through the region as dictated by UNCLOS**
* **End States Here**