

## PREFACE

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The International Security Research and Outreach Programme commissioned a study to carry out the following tasks:

i) Assess the relative strengths and weakness of the Philippine and Chinese governments in this issue-area (diplomatically, militarily).

ii) Review movements to consider incipient CBMs as they pertain to China and the Philippines, considered both through such multilateral fora as the ARF and the UN as well as bilaterally.

iii) Examine those diplomatic tools (operating either at a track one or two level) used to encourage the creation of incipient CBMs between the Philippines and China concerning South China Seas issues: also consider their successes and failures, together with their ability to potentially generate a more stable security relationship between the two countries.

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