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[Japan wants British weaponry for South China Sea standoff](#)

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-(*Straitstimes 31/08*) [Tribunal ruling will affect many other states' claims](#) : it is essential that all States Parties respect and follow the decisions of courts and tribunals interpreting its provisions, even though the decisions are legally binding only on the parties to the case.

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: The heightened stress over maritime disputes could cloud the upcoming summit, experts say

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-(Todayonline 28/08) [South China Sea ruling: Turning point in Chinese foreign policy?](#) Beijing have choices to make as to how much power

they could employ in handling the disputes and what can be done to significantly mitigate the negative ramifications of the disputes in China's foreign relations.

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: Analysts say if the two countries have created a conciliatory atmosphere it is not because they are narrowing their differences but because they both want the G-20 summit to be a success.

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: If TPP fails, "it will encourage them to think that America is not willing to pay the costs and risks required to push back against it, and that will encourage China to test it."

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: Both the US and China appear ready and willing to engage in a contest of electronic warfare capabilities

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