



ANDORRA AT THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

THE RUSSIA- UKRAINE CRISIS

The 24th of February, 2022 invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces and its subsequent unfolding crisis has been received with mixed feelings and has surely sent shock waves to every corner of the World creating an issue that must not be ignored at all. The situation at hand requires immediate action to mitigate the emerging crisis. If we take a look at past history, it is barely a century ago when the Archduke of Astro-Hungary was assassinated in Sarajevo owing to unresolved mounting tension of the Slav protests ¹ and two and half decades later, following this fateful event, came- German's invasion of Poland ² which lead the entire globe into the First and Second World Wars. These are global events which shall never be forgotten in the history of mankind due to the many millions of lives lost in these painful experiences. Therefore, as we learn from past, it is of paramount importance to note that; Regional conflicts resolution is a solution to ensure continued peace. In our times, it is significant to review the common causes of regional conflicts bordering on centralized and decentralised governance and power systems, which may be a source of inequality for a people whose freedom and human rights may be down trodden. At the same time, we should not ignore our shared history, culture and ethnicity despite emerging political boundaries and affiliations. To find lasting sustainable solutions to these causes is what the World needs today. This current crisis has put the lives of most Ukrainians and Russians at stake and in danger, this sudden invasion has alienated many Russian citizens, polarized the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) and the rest of Europe, with many of Russia's former political allies in Europe adopting a pro-Ukrainian and pro-western stance. To extrapolate the situation-in case Russia eventually captures Ukraine, it may lead to a full-scale conflict between Russia and NATO nations. Despite Ukraine being a non-member of NATO, we need to realise that it is bordered by Poland, Hungary, Slovakia and Romania, who are NATO member states ³. A Situation which may lead into the unwanted Third World War. As Andorran Republic, We wish to remind this august assembly that, we are a micro European state which streams from four different ethnic mix languages and hence our representative voice. The People of Andorran through Government representation strongly condemns Russia's invasion of Ukraine. To echo the words of our Prime Minister-His Excellence Xavier Espot who has appealed for peace, saying that "war should be no recourse" ⁴. Andorra's representation to the parliamentary committee of the Security Organization in Europe has also condemned the use of force against Ukraine. Our Minister of foreign affairs Ferran Costa has called for observance of international respect.⁴ This has therefore as of the 2nd of March, 2022- resulted in our Republic to join the campaign of economic sanctions against Russia. We have admitted that the impact would not be high, but it is a matter of conviction. Our Republic has never before applied sanctions towards another country in the past until now ⁴. This remains Andorra's Position to this day.

1. Available on: <https://guides.loc.gov/chronicling-america-assassination-franz-ferdinand>, *Introduction - Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand: Topics in Chronicling America - Research Guides at Library of Congress (loc.gov)*, 2. Available on: <https://www.ushmm.org/learn/timeline-of-events/1939-1941/german-invasion-of-poland-> *German Invasion of Poland — United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (ushmm.org)*,

PROPOSED SOLUTION

As the Republic of Andorra, We wish to forward to this august assembly the following four (4) Proposed Solutions focused on the restoration of peace;

1. The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) must immediately call for the signing of a Ceasefire Agreement between Russian and Ukraine which shall bring the war to a halt.
2. We Propose a Referendum within the Republic of Ukraine and Donbas region which shall review the Constitution and introduce a more democratic view to hear the voices of the People. It is this referendum which must avail the popular opinions in Donetsk and Luhansk and hence revealing a more sovereign position which shall qualify new Independent states to be formally identified as such by United Nations (UN), Northern Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), Collective Security Treaty Organisation (CSTO) and the rest of the International community.
3. We propose the staging of democratically free and fair elections in the Donbass Regions following the review of a new constitutional position from the Referendum. This shall allow for a ballot determined takeover of the Donbas region by either Zelensky's Ukrainian Government or the Political Faction groups provided they win the regional elections.
4. The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) must exercise its veto power through voting over the security and continued Peace of the separated Republic of Ukraine away from the Donbas region. A careful consideration of Ukraine's proposed membership to the European Union (EU) and NATO or simply NEITHER must be reached going by the Social Economic, Cultural and Historical interests and not forgetting the threats to Peace and Security in the region and the rest of the World.

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3. Available on: <https://news.syr.edu/blog/2022/03/03/whats-at-stake-in-ukraine-insights-into-the-invasion-de-escalation-and-short-and-long-term-implications/>- *what's at Stake in Ukraine? Insights Into the Invasion, De-Escalation and Short- and Long-Term Implications* / Syracuse University News, 4 .Available on: <https://www.andorradifusio.ad/noticies/govern-condemna-atac-ucraina-treballa-repatriacio>, *Government condemns Attack on Ukraine and Works for Repatriation* (andorradifusio.ad)

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