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Position Paper

February 24th, 2022, is a date that marks the start of the invasion of Russia on Ukraine. A war is being held by Russia under the pretext of protecting Russia's minorities in Ukraine, as well as protecting the separatist in Donbas who recognized themselves as part of the Russian republic. A war which for Russia dates back in its origin to the Cesar era when Ukraine lands were part of Russia.

Therefore, the entire world is witnessing the situation and their opinions about this matter are divided between support and denial of the war. Algeria the North African country, and an African market leader in the energy export market, finds itself stuck between two stools.

Starting from the date itself, February 24th, which is a meaningful date in Algeria as it symbolizes the day of Petroleum Resources Nationalisation in 1973 from one hand. On other hand, it shows the important role Algeria plays as a petroleum country during this war.

Diplomatically speaking, it is a member of the United Nations Organisation General Assembly since its independence in 1962, Algeria is known for its position in supporting people's right to self-determination as well as the neutrality principle of its external policy. Consequently, it clearly abstained from standing on any side of the two parts of the current conflict. Yet, it has been appointed the mediator in finding a solution or a compromise in this war.

Economically speaking, Algeria is a member of OPEC since 1969, and is the largest country in Africa, with a population of over 45 million. It is positioned in a good geographic area that makes it the front line of Gas Pipe Line to Europe from the south. It is the fourth biggest producer and exporter of natural gas to Western Europe.

The facts are clear regarding the Strategic partnership existing between Russia and Algeria, as Russia is the first Arms exporter to Algeria following the signature of a deal in this regard in 2006. Besides, Algeria has reinforced its natural gas exports through a new cooperation with Russia. The joint venture is expected to start in 2025.

Yet, we should not deny the business existing with Ukraine and Algeria as well. In 2021 the exports of base metal only from Ukraine have reached 55.25 USD. Also, it is important to mention the Ukrainian direct foreign investment in Algeria which reached a high rate at 6502.00M USD.

Based on some pieces of evidence, Algeria has good relations both economic and diplomatic with both countries (Russia and Ukraine). Consequently, it cannot literally stand by the side of any of them. Knowing that it is true that Algeria has rejected the request of Spain and France to increase Gas export to Europe after the sanctions Russia has imposed on Europe because of the war. Yet, the real reason for this is that Algeria aims to honour its engagements in the contracts it has with all European countries. Also, at the state being, there is only one Pipe Line to pump Gas to Europe and it is the one through Spain, which has a limited debit of transport.

As a conclusion, Algeria's neutrally principle has led to its abstention from voting against Russia during the General Assembly neither because it stands with Russia, as some have explained it. Nor it is due to some disagreement with some European countries on some vital issues. But, it is simply to secure its strategic economy sector which is energy export.

By the end of this paper, the Algerian authority is highly recommended to:

- 1- Fulfil its work as a mediator chosen by the Arab countries to contribute in the negotiations between Russia and Ukraine.
- 2- Provide more access to Gas for Europe through its partnership with Italy
- 5- Provide refugees status for any Ukrainians who would want to come and stay in Algeria

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