



REPUBLIC OF GUYANA

INTRODUCTION

The military intervention by the Russian Federation in Ukraine, proves to be of tremendous concern to the Republic of Guyana. Our bipartite perspective focuses on the developmental and the humanitarian impacts of the intervention on not only the Ukrainian citizens, but more so those a part of the developing world. Our focus is also drawn to the violation of Article 2 of the United Nations Charter, "... the use of threats or force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state... inconsistent with the purposes of the U.N...", this condemns all violations of international humanitarian law and the abuse of human rights. Furthermore, calling upon all parties to strictly respect the relevant provisions of international humanitarian law, including the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and their Additional Protocols of 1977, as applicable, and to respect human rights.

The delegation of Guyana stands in fully alignment with statements on the Ukraine crisis published by the Organization of American States (OAS) made on the 25th February, along with that of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) issued on the 14th and 24th February, which adequately highlights the firm position the government of Guyana holds.

The Russian Federation's violation of international law over the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine must be of utmost concern to all neutral states. The delegation of Guyana has noted the crucial implications of what Russia would have and continues to exert on Ukraine with keen attention; given our own challenges with our westerly neighbour, whose claim to two-thirds of Guyana's sovereign territory can be compared to that of Ukraine/Russia (Crimea). The Republic of Guyana holds strongly on to the affirmation of maintaining a zone of peace, whilst rejecting any resorts to violence and war as a means of settling international conflict in alignment with our foreign policy.