



## **ZAMBIA**

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The Russian Federation's decision to invade Ukraine, particularly in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions is a violation of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine and against the principles of the United Nations, as stated in the Article 2 of the United Nations Charter. The event has led to a number of casualties, loss of lives and displacement. According to the UNHCR over three thousand civilians have died, over four thousand injured and 5.5million fled the country. Zambia lived to witness events in this capacity under British rule to our independence as a sovereign country. We ever since have been in the aid of other liberation movements in the reign of our late first president Kenneth Kaunda, along with several other African leaders such as the late Mwalimu Julius Nyerere of United Republic of Tanzania. This helped to legitimate armed resistance in southern Africa thus attracting transnational assistance for liberation movements, then in different regional disputes such as the Angolan Civil War waged 1975 to the signing of its Peace Agreement and on attempt to disarmament ceasefire, and in South Africa during the Apartheid periods

The government of Zambia has been standing on its principles of promoting cooperation with other states, good neighborliness, helping independence of other countries for our foreign policy is strong on the , respect of sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, against inviolability of national borders, the non-use of force or threat of force in dispute settlement, the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force, nonsupport for the unilateral declaration of independence or illegal cessation of territory amongst others. Russia has breached and mixed up the stance of our international community consecrated in the United Nations Charter, the Constitutive Act of the African Union. Through all this one thing remains clear, war is unacceptable however much we could try take out Ukraine miss steps and show empathy to Russia, which is not the case to a point of justifying this invasion, and to whichever country that has done the same there is no justification of this act, it still crime against humanity and it is clear there are the genocidal intentions have stretched out.

We clearly know that if we want peace and stability to the Ukrainian people, and to the entire world peaceful approaches are indispensable in the name of international relations. This is an urge for each individual member States to focus on the need to expedite further negotiations processes and quit battles. Secondly through mediation, that both parties trust, and for it to work there must be a parity in the military position of both countries for the welfare and the security of their people. Thirdly there is a need to establish critical noninterference rules of government affairs regionally in Ukraine and let the rulings be overseen at regional and local level depending on where the issue is occurring from and not necessarily taking every issue to the capital letting them be dealt according to the region. And last for both countries to sign an accord that will maintain the

interests of the two conflicting parties and common ground to help secure the circumstance as such in the future for the next generation of their region and the world. Our country has used diplomacy to help with liberation movements and has always taken on an effective role in sponsoring resolutions and with positive conclusion of the matter on the ground and calling on the international community to adopt measures over this deadly crisis and hold peace in the land of Ukraine.

Consequently, Zambia considers the United Nations, and its good offices are relevant institutions and only means for global peace from when it became a member of the United Nations 1994, a month after it got its independence, and therefore our government is calling for the United Nations to live according to the vision of its founders. The government of Zambia looks at the current situation and not taking favor of either country in the crisis, however in favor of maintaining international law and supporting international institutions like the United Nations to end war in any peaceful means possible.