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Russia-Ukraine crisis which has been taking place for years now, requires special attention from the rest of the world in order to put an end to this conflict through a covenant, which Italy believes will be the most ideal way to do so. Given that the relationship between the two countries, Russia and Ukraine has been hostile since 2014, Italy believes that it is necessary to implement large scale activities such as peace-keeping and peace support operations, not just to end the conflict but also to protect the Ukrainian population from the Russian aggression.

Italy understands that Russia claims, the plans to expand NATO to regions including Ukraine may negatively affect the European security and Russia also believes that expansion of NATO would lead to a militarization of the Baltic region. But, considering the fact that, the motive of NATO is to ensure and safeguard the freedom and security of the Allies by political and military means it can be assured that expansion of NATO would not cause any harm to the safety or freedom of the national security of any country unless or otherwise the particular nation becomes a threat to the Allies of NATO.

Hence, understanding the motive of NATO, it is also necessary to understand that with such a motive any nation that's not a threat to another nation will not be harmed by NATO. Given that justification, it can be concluded that NATO can expand to nations like Ukraine as long as it doesn't cause a threat to nations like Russia. In that case, Italy does not see any issue as to why Russia will not agree to it.

At the same time, Italy also realizes how crucial it is to understand the common interests of both the countries involved and their requirements while implementing any proposed solutions and thus prevent further disputes between the nations.

The war between Russia and Ukraine has killed over 13,000 people in Ukraine where there are 44 million people in total. Thereby, Italy realizes that a nation like Ukraine joining hands with an organization like NATO would ensure protection for the citizens of Ukraine, if the two countries, i.e., Russia and Ukraine come to a common understanding that the NATO organization is not a threat to any country by any means, especially to a powerful nation like Russia.

Italy believes that the enlargement of NATO has helped increase stability and prosperity in Europe, while making sure to build Europe with peace, democracy and common values.

Given that the main motive of NATO being, to establish functioning democratic political system based on market economy, fair treatment of minority populations and a commitment to resolve conflicts peacefully, Italy suggests that Russia comes to common grounds with Ukraine and other nations that are willing to join NATO, which as a result would bring about peace and end conflict.

Italy, even though a country that is so far from the Atlantic Ocean has become a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) solely because it sees a decisive step in this organization towards the advent of peace in a free and united world.

Considering all these, Italy proposes to conduct an open discussion between the involved nations in the crisis, along with the countries in the NATO and thereby, understand the common interests and arrive at decisions.

Italy also emphasizes the importance of discussing the safety and protection of the citizens of Ukraine and hence take actions to prevent further loss of lives.

Italy calls upon the government of Russia and the government of Ukraine to first arrive at peaceful negotiations, to ensure the safety of the people before arriving at any other decisions to end the conflict. Meanwhile Italy also realizes that the decisions made and the actions taken should only result in building a world with peace and fair treatment for all.

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