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Since February 24, 2022, when Russia's president, Vladimir Putin, decided and announced the launch of a "special military operation" in Ukraine, the world has changed.He said that "all responsibility for possible bloodshed will be entirely on the conscience of the regime ruling on the territory of Ukraine." Every country in the world has its own stance, and Denmark was one of the countries that supported Ukraine. Denmark is one of the founding members of the United Nations and of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO). And, if we look back in time, we can see that the Danish military has always contributed to the realization of global peace and stability, and they have played an important role in the global fight for human rights, poverty eradication, and discrimination for decades.

Russia is in an ongoing war with Ukraine. And if we go back in history, it all began in February 2014 following the Ukrainian Revolution of Dignity. When Putin invaded and annexed Crimea, and the conflict for Donbas stayed until now, Putin has insisted that Ukraine is fundamentally part of Russia, culturally and historically, and he strongly wants Ukraine to be in his sphere of influence. Eight years of conflicts and Russia's president have sent alarming signs to Ukraine, especially by a military build-up on the Russia–Ukraine border from the end of 2021. Putin ended all these alerts by launching a full-scale invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022.

Taking into account that Denmark has committed itself to expanding peace and stability in the world and saving humanity from any kind of torture and harm, Mattias Tesfaye, the Danish minister for foreign affairs and integration, stated soon after Russia invaded Ukraine in late February that: "When there is war in Europe and a European neighbor is exposed to what we see in Ukraine, there is not the slightest doubt in my mind: We must help as best we can ... by welcoming Ukrainians on Danish soil." [1]

Keeping in mind that, adding to Denmark's contributions to peacekeeping, the relations between Denmark and Russia have historically been under concern since 1946 because of the Danish Island in the middle of the Baltic Sea that has troubled the Russian past.

Mr. Putin dared to believe that he can use right now to control what Denmark does with its own military. Adding to the historical issues between Denmark and Russia, Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen announced a new defensive agreement with the United States, which could lead to American troops being stationed on Bornholm (the Danish island in the middle of the Baltic Sea).

Denmark's foreign minister has reaffirmed that it is Denmark that decides what happens in Denmark, not Russia.

Furthermore, the United States and more than 30 allies and partners across the world, such as Denmark, have imposed the most influential and effective economic restrictions in history, which is the very thing that will drive Russia to lose the last fifteen years of economic gains.

As long as Russia continues its critical and brutal violence against Ukraine, the United States has announced sanctions against the Russian banking sector, prohibiting new investment in the Russian Federation. As a result, 600 multinational corporations have announced their intention to leave Russia.

In addition, the European Commission proposed applying sanctions on Russian oil. Denmark and Finland support this proposal as well, and that was announced during a press conference in Copenhagen on May 4th by the countries' prime ministers following a meeting of their counterparts from Nordic countries.

encourages all the initiatives, Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen said: "What is being put on the table by the European Commission today about oil, that will really be felt in Russia, so we support that," Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen said. [2]

In terms of humanitarian aid, Denmark affirms its support for Ukraine with DKK 668 million. In addition, the ministry reveals that Denmark has provided more than DKK 1 billion in military support and expresses its hope for a speedy end to this war.

Minister Kofod also added: *"Our diplomats have worked tirelessly to promote Danish-Ukrainian relations and to help both Danes and Ukrainians in the difficult situation that has arisen since Russia's attack on the country. Now we are again present in the heart of the capital, and I am incredibly happy about that," [3]*

Overall, Freedom, Democracy and National self-determination are the core values of a democratic society, we believe that peace is creative, it's the key to solve and find sustainable resolutions to any problem in the world. Denmark is one of many countries that stand by peacekeeping it always called for communication and dialogue to resolve all the differences. As long as the war started by Putin not the people of Russia, we are calling all the population of Russia to put pressure on Putin to stop this war as soon as possible. And let's talk peace and create prosperity. Denmark also has a voice in this chorus and to fulfill human rights in its term we need to support each other to make an end of killing and shelling Ukrainian. Ukrainian's struggles are becoming the world struggles as well. [4]

[1] From the Danish minister for foreign affairs and integration Mattias Tesfaye source : https://www.schengenvisainfo.com/news/denmark-becomes-first-nordic-country-to-reopen-its-embassy-in-ukraine/

[2] Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen stance *source*: https://www.reuters.com/world/keeping-any-nato-ratification-period-short-is-key-finland-says-pm-2022-05-04/

[3] FROM The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs *source:* https://www.schengenvisainfo.com/news/denmark-becomes-first-nordic-country-to-reopen-its-embassy-in-ukraine/

[4] FROM The speaker of the Danish Parliament *Source: https://www.nato-pa.int/download-file?filename=/sites/default/files/2022-03/Denmark%20-%20The%20speaker%27s%20speech%20about%20the%20situation%20in%20Ukraine.pdf*