



IVORY COAST



Mister President,

Excellencies,

Ladies and gentlemen delegates,

It is an honor for me to address the United Nations General Assembly as the delegate of Côte d'Ivoire regarding the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

First of all, I would like to salute the courage of the Ukrainian people who are resisting under fire. In the name of President Alassan OUATARA, I address to the Ukrainians the fraternal support of the Ivory Coast.

For the night of time, the war of high intensity that a part of the strategic community feared for a few years to see arrive in the world in general and in Europe in particular has just burst before our eyes. For the first time since the Second World War, a major nuclear power is deploying all its military capabilities in a war of aggression against a European country.

Dear delegates, we all see that Russia's objectives are not limited to DONBASS, nor are they aimed at acquiring new territories. It is in all likelihood a large-scale campaign aimed at regime change and intended to install in kyiv a power that will guarantee obedience and security to it.

dear delegates, this conflict will have major long-term repercussions, it constitutes a real encroachment on the sacrosanct principle of non-use of force, and that of non-interference in the affairs of a third State. And this plunged the world into a politico-economic crisis, which today penalizes all sectors of life throughout the world in general and Côte d'Ivoire in particular.

Indeed, in accordance with the economic and political relations that Côte d'Ivoire maintains with Russia, without taking a position on the side of NATO, Côte d'Ivoire firmly condemns the policy of the Russian government which affects peace and security not only of the Ukrainian people, but also of all surrounding populations; and affirms its support for the European Union and all

the resolutions taken by it. And also asks all the diplomatic corps who took part in a meeting organized by the Ivorian government last February in Abidjan with all the ambassadors of the European Union, the United States, Switzerland and Great Britain with the Minister of State, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Ivorian government, Mrs. Kandia Camara, to show strong involvement in the management of the situation of Ivorian citizens living in Ukraine, facilitating their exit, but above all secure their accommodation in accordance with their refugee status.

Dear delegates, my country invites all the parties to act responsibly and to apply without reservation and in good faith all the measures which are a step towards the peaceful settlement of the conflict. Côte d'Ivoire declares itself particularly concerned by the numerous recorded violations of the ceasefire and strongly condemns the offensive by the Russian-backed separatists, the capture of Debaltseve in clear violation of the ceasefire agreement, as well as any acts of terrorism; we ask Russia to ensure the unrestricted application of the Minsk agreements and remind it of its commitments and responsibilities in this context.

By way of conclusion, only diplomacy can put an end to this war and a negotiation for a return of peace and stability in Ukraine.

Neither the Ivory Coast, nor the Europe, nor the Ukraine, nor the Atlantic Alliance wanted this war, we will do everything to avoid it.

Dear colleagues, honorable delegates and all other diplomatic corps, here is the summary of our assessment of the facts relating to the war situation in Ukraine.

Côte d'Ivoire will always be on the side of international peace, and will delicately promote respect for the United Nations Charter and international law.

Thank you !

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