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Russian Federation and Ukraine as the neighbor countries have a huge relations throughout history. As post-soviet countries interactions among 15 countries held as same level and mutual helping reached high level. After increasing tension over Crimean annexation, crisis reach its top with the recognition of Luhansk and Donetsk region as independent republic by Russian Federation on February 21 and Russian intervention to Ukraine on February 24.

Azerbaijan since Soviet period had great relations with both countries. After collapse of USSR and states became independent, these relations continued and gathering under “Commonwealth Independent States” (CIS) intergovernmental organization. In the framework of GUAM (Georgia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan and Moldova) Azerbaijan has high level trade relations with Ukraine. Alongside these, Azerbaijan has mutual friendship and partnership agreements with them. Both states show its effort in the solving of Karabakh conflict which lasted over 30 years and solving with the victory of Azerbaijan, Mutual visits of presidents, government level meetings between officials symbolized strong friendship and partnership.

Worsening of relations between Russia and Ukraine always was in the attention of Azerbaijan and saddened. In the Crimean annexation in 2014 Azerbaijan express its position as article of UN Charter “condemns extremism, radicalism and separatism in its every manifestation and once again confirms its adherence to the principles of sovereignty, independence and support of the territorial integrity”. And today, from 24 February, situation in Ukraine was watched with sadness. This type humanitarian crisis remembered us Karabakh conflict. Azerbaijan sent humanitarian supply to Ukraine with Azerbaijani air cargo company Silkway. Azerbaijan’s state oil company SOCAR to supply free fuel for ambulances and emergency services vehicles. As a one of the few countries which have very good relations with both states, Azerbaijan offer mediation role between two states for solving crisis in a diplomatic ways.

Crisis in Ukraine not only affect to two states or region, it affect all world. As the main wheat supplier Ukraine could not provide enough wheat supply globally. From other side, energy security of Europe became in danger.

Azerbaijan in favor of solving this crisis under international law including the UN Charter, the Helsinki Final Act, the 1994 Budapest agreement and the 1997 Bilateral Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation between Russia and Ukraine. Understanding humanitarian crisis and situation in Ukraine, Azerbaijan proposes solutions:

1. Establishing ceasefire in conflict area
2. Creation of humanitarian zone in most affected region
3. Establishing green zone in food and agricultural territory
4. Entering UN organs for the reconstruction of vital life standards in mostly affected regions:
 - 4.1. Projects related with food - UN FAO;
 - 4.2. Projects related with children – UNICEF;
 - 4.3. Projects related with science, culture, education- UNESCO;
 - 4.4. Projects related with energy, transportation – UNOPS;
5. Creation of coordination office, which lead by United Nations Crisis coordinator for Ukraine and responsible for coordination of reconstruction together with government:
 - 5.1. Returning of refugees to their hometown;
 - 5.2. Calculation of the said damage;
 - 5.3. Reconstruction of infrastructure, educational, cultural, living places.
6. Creation of United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) for demilitarization of conflict zones, cleaning mining territories and other military issues.