



## **MALDIVES**

### **COMMITTEE; ARAB YOUTH INTERNATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS**

#### **TOPIC; RUSSIA-UKRAINE CRISIS**

Lack of political compromise and ideological differences among neighboring states is the biggest source of crises across the globe. Each of the warring factions then amasses support from countries that share the same economic, political and social interests. This then creates blocs as countries pile support to countries they think are on the right. World War II was sparked off by the invasion of Poland by Hitler and this made France and Britain to throw military support behind Poland and declare war on Germany.

The same is currently happening with the Russia-Ukraine crisis but mostly it is influenced by the battle for military superiority. Russia feels aggrieved by NATO's growth into the East and thus to curb the growth that poses a military risk. The growth of NATO influence in the Baltic region provoked The Kremlin to start reclaiming the territories that were formerly Soviet Union even backing separatist groups that were affiliated to the Russian regime. The Kremlin claims that its invasion of Ukraine is to protect its interests as Ukraine used to be a part of Russia so the invasion is a protective strategy from resurgence of western meddling in Russian affairs. However these grounds hold no substance as after the breaking up of the Soviet Union and Ukraine gaining independence it gained a Nuclear arsenal that it had to surrender to Russia in exchange for sovereign power according to the Budapest Memorandum of 1994. The invasion basis further is curtailed owing to the fact that both nations signed Minsk Accords however ambiguous they were they were for ceasefire to find a way of settling disputes.

In Maldives the invasion of Ukraine is deemed unjustifiable especially coming on the back drop of worldwide pandemic that has affected the whole world economically the crisis further plunges the world into economic turmoil. This crisis has led to economic sanctions from the West towards Russia and the trickle-down effect is felt by everyone across. A good example is the rise in prices of oil that automatically gives raises the prices of all commodities. Even though most parts of the world are affected economically Ukrainians are far more affected physically through the loss of homes, death of loved ones, economic collapse and psychological traumas that come with war. Invasion is not a solution to any world conflict thus the warring parties are urged to have an open dialogue and involve neutral parties like the United Nations to broker a long lasting truce. This will help avert the ongoing refugee crisis that is being witnessed in Europe. To this effect we suggest;

1. Since a peace formula hasn't been devised yet and the two countries are still holding firm stances on their demands and the Ukrainian population is still being directly affected by the war, all the surrounding countries should continue keeping their borders for all those seeking asylum from Ukraine and welcome them within their borders. In the meantime both countries should consider a ceasefire to allow dialogue to prevail in order to give the citizens of Ukraine reprieve of the losses suffered.
2. In addition to that volunteers from across the globe should be encouraged especially those in the medical field to go help out as the health sector gets overwhelmed and countries that are within close proximity where needed should airlift some of the injured for treatment.
3. NATO should hold talks with Russia and Ukraine and all the Baltic nations so as to come up with an accord that will guide on the military matters that Russia claims to have been aggrieved on. The bone of contention is the Military supremacy and Ukraine being one of the biggest allies of NATO is suffering the consequences. Therefore, it's prudent that all the involved parties be brought to the negotiating table and each party create a compromise to give peace a chance and in turn try to satisfy the military interests of both factions.

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