

Position Paper



Pakistan

Conflict is inevitable in this globalized world, but with the advancement in technology world has found better ways to cope up with any sort of aggression. The 21st century's highly complex and most devastating direct confrontations occurred in the recent episodes of Russia-Ukraine's military engagements at its borders and in the cities of Modern-day Ukraine which resulted in political polarization around the world which can cause chaos and destruction not only in the Europe but rest of the world would also face the consequences in future if both the Russia and Ukraine continues its offensive and defensive aggression on its borders. So, we (Pakistan) do not want to be part of any camp. We have paid a price for being in camps. That is why we are very carefully treading. We don't want to compromise our neutrality for a greater cause. The only sensible course is a diplomatic solution, we have underlined that Pakistan will only be a partner in peace, not in conflict. We always prefer diplomatic means to convince both the parties to draw down conflict resolution mechanism for the common interests and global peace and prosperity.

The key issues between Russia and Ukraine are; annexation of Crimea as Crimea is significant for both the countries and annexation resulted in declined bilateral relations. Ukraine's close ties with US and NATO members raised serious concerns for Moscow. This closeness of Ukraine with US along military exercises with NATO countries led to an aggressive response by Russian authorities though Russian took preemptive measures by seeing that their national security and sovereignty is being challenged by Ukraine and its western allies. Nevertheless, being the representative of my country I found out the following key problems that need to be addressed at both fronts like direct skirmishes in 2021-2022 have resulted in more than 3.5 million Ukrainian refugees along with 6.5 million internally displaced people are in desperate pre-requisite of assistance and sustainable peace in the country. Secondly, the conflict between Russia and Ukraine is creating security concerns in the region and beyond. Adding on, the imbalance situation of trade in terms of oil, gas and food items is not only disturbing the Europe but also indo-pacific and Asia pacific region. As we Pakistan have trade relations with both the countries likewise in 2020 had a large network of trade with Ukraine in exports of vegetable products (\$14 Million), textile woods (\$56 Million) and chemical products (\$3Million) along with Ukrainian exports to Pakistan vegetable products (\$507 Million) metal (\$29 Million) and Machines (\$23 Million). Whereas, Pakistan and Russia's export relations worth \$699 Million. Despite knowing the fact, Pakistan's foreign policy would not allow to take any biased decision or policy while proposing the resolution of the conflict that would likely affect Pakistan in return.

I being a prime minister of Pakistan, would suggest both the countries to resolve this issue through political and diplomatic means. We would not likely take one sided position, if we do then we have

no room for diplomacy I rather suggest to the representatives of Russia and Ukraine and UNGA to implement decision according to its promised charters. Nevertheless, war is an absolute failure of diplomacy. So We don't believe in war, we want at least negative peace in between both the parties along with the post reconstruction accords. It is every so often definite that inter-states conflicts are always difficult to resolve especially when the world's great powers are being involved end to end with the clash of their interests in the process of conflict resolution. The processes may take a long time for creating the set-up of long-term peace buildings. Though, the process of Peacekeeping, peacemaking, and Peacebuilding efforts should not ignore the plight of the people of both countries. For that matter peacebuilding could be done on different fronts likewise, efforts at local, regional, and international levels for the peaceful resolution of the conflict. The other most important mechanism that should not be ignored by the national and international actors or whosoever involved in the conflict is that, understanding the perspectives of the conflicting parties like Russia and Ukraine and through Conflict perspective analysis. Moving further "Alternate Dispute Resolution" is much safer and possibly will be the best choice for Russia to opt for creating certainty in bilateral relations with Ukraine. For so sure securing socio-economic, military, security, political and cultural sides for regional peace and stability. Now keeping in mind peacemaking and peacekeeping, a plenty of efforts are required for peace building. Despite having the peacekeeping, a fear still exists for possible future escalation because of sanctions and embargos by Western bloc. To carry out successful peacebuilding being a representative of Pakistan I believe that following steps are essential foe effective peacebuilding;

1. Conduct a Conflict Assessment.
2. Peace building Program Design.
3. Develop a Monitoring and Evaluation Plan.
4. Conduct a Baseline Study.
5. Monitoring and Adaptive Management.
6. Conduct an End Line Study and Final Evaluation.
7. Disseminate and Share Results of a successful peacebuilding.

To conclude the narrative on building peacetime between Russia and Ukraine, it is possible to de-escalate both the parties only if the conflictants and international actors show willingness for the novelty of building up peace in the world. The Hybrid method of Peacebuilding would prove to be an adequate apparatus to fetch agreement among the rival states through formal and informal participation in negotiations and on strategic security sides. Security reservations should be limited to only a handful of parties for a greater cause. The political and diplomatic effort might take along a complete cession of violence in the region. Trust building, preventive diplomacy, rehabilitation, reconciliation, trauma healing, and reconstruction should be done on both sides to ensure the presence of a negative peace or a positive between both Russia and Ukraine. The special status of the law is needed to lead to the successful disengagement of military forces from its frontiers. However, joint efforts are also desirable to overcome crises situations and transform the Zero-sum game into a 'win-win' state of affairs. To build up bilateral relations, it is also a need of an hour to have a written agreement from Ukraine's side as well for that no alliance weapon will be deployed at its borders with Russia that would not harm Russia's territorial sovereignty and integrity at large. Besides international community must have to ensure that NATO is committed to pulling back its forces from both the central and eastern fronts of Europe.