

# Position Paper for UN General Assembly

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## The Republic of Senegal

It is very unfortunate member states of the United Nations and the General Assembly had 'to choose between Peace and Aggression'<sup>1</sup>. This shows the world is currently navigating a new course in adjusting to the ongoing war because; the rippling effect affects all nations.

The people of Senegal in particular are currently experiencing the impact of the war through rising cost of oil and food prices from the International Market. The Government of Senegal is implementing measures to lessen the burden on her citizens through emergency exceptional measures.

Senegal is highly committed to the **Charter of the United Nations**, and resolutions on Human Right (A/RES/217(III)). Senegal believes in the "Principle of non-alignment and peaceful settlement of disputes"<sup>2</sup>, and is extremely committed to diplomatic means of the UN General Assembly in bringing an end to the present crisis in Ukraine.

### The impact of the Russia and Ukraine war on the Republic of Senegal.

Senegal has never turned its back on the United Nations in finding lasting solution to conflicts, and have contributed in so many ways to UN peacekeeping efforts. The delegation of Senegal will want to assure the UN General Assembly and the International Community that, Senegal will support any diplomatic approach to dealing with this matter at hand because, the impact is being felt in harsh ways across nations economically around the world.

There is a growing demand for fuel in Senegal. However, Senegal is experiencing shortage in oil supply from the International market due to supply disruptions, and sharp rise in fuel prices. This has affected fuel prices in the local market, and has made life difficult for the people of Senegal.

The oil supply disruption threatened an acute jet fuel shortage in the aviation industry in April, and the Government of Senegal have to deploy emergency solutions including exceptional waivers on fuel transportation to Senegal upon request<sup>3</sup>.

The people of Senegal are also experiencing high cost of food due to the unfavourable international situation. The Republic of Senegal once more have taken keen steps in helping the people of Senegal to overcome the burden of high cost of fuel and food through support from the World Bank and Partner donors<sup>4</sup>.

To quote H.E Macky Sall (The Presidents of Senegal) on his intervention, he said; "I have decided to support the resilience of 542,956 households to receive an exceptional financial cash transfer from the state in the amount of 43.4 billion CFA francs (66 million euros). The aim is to give 80,000 CFA francs (121 euros) per household and improve their level of consumption and the education of their children,"<sup>4</sup>.

The delegation of Senegal acknowledge the formation of the Global Crisis Response Group on Food, Energy and Finance (GCRG) in response to the crisis<sup>5</sup>. Senegal is in full Support of the

GCRG as a major step in this times, and will like to call on the International Community to support in any way possible through flexible exportation of fuel and food to other parts of the world to help address the shortage in the International market.

Major food producing countries across the world should be given special strategic support through UN response programmes to boost food production for export, to prevent the growing hunger in parts of the world.

The delegation of Senegal once again will want to assure the International community that, the Republic of Senegal is committed to support the UN in invoking diplomatic processes in addressing the war between Russia and Ukraine. The delegation will like to call upon the UN Security Council to give priority to diplomatic negotiations in the discharge of their functions based on the UN charter and other relevant resolutions.

The delegation of Senegal will further want to draw the attention of the International Community to the resolution (A/RES/217(III)) on Human Rights.

Senegal believes the right of everyone needs to be protected, and it is our responsibility as the UN General Assembly to show leadership in ensuring order among the two nations to protect the Rights of the vulnerable.

Once again, the Republic of Senegal believes in the UN charter, and will call on all Nations to respect to **Charter of the United Nations and resolutions on Human Right, to grant the world the peace we need.**

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