

# Position Paper for UN General Assembly



## The Republic of Chad

The pressing matter at hand; the impact of the Russia and Ukraine war on the Republic of Chad.

The action of Russia against Ukraine from the early part of the year in February till now has gain much International attention because the world has not fully recovered from the negative impact of Covid-19, to accept that of a war in any region.

The consequences of the present war on Chad has been the disruption of the smooth efforts of the people of Chad and the Government in attaining the UN resolution (A/RES/07/1) on sustainable development goals by 2030. The Republic of Chad is devoted to ensuring food security and strong economy in Chad, and therefore sees the current Russia and Ukraine war situation counterproductive to UN resolution A/RES/2625(XXV) and A/RES/3314(XXIX). Chad fully supports the 2nd March, 2022 Emergency meeting resolution (A/ES-11/L.1) <sup>1</sup> for immediate stop of the war.

### The Impact of the Russia and Ukraine war on Chad

Chad is devoted to the UN Sustainable Development Goals aiming to reduce food insecurity in its 20% population <sup>2</sup> and also support intercontinental trade through export of major crops such as sesame seed and premium grade gum Arabic among others.

The Republic of Chad has been a major contribution to international trade in the past few years as major global producer of gum Arabic and major exporter of sesame seeds, cotton, among other crops <sup>3</sup>. As a country with Agriculture as the primary occupation that directly affects the livelihood of over 75% of the working population <sup>4</sup>, Chad is committed to fighting the food insecurity challenges among its citizen to achieve Goal number 2 of resolution A/RES/70/1 through specific domestic strategies. “Vision 2030, The Chad We Want” is the main Government document aliened to ensure sustainable Agric-food production since 2017. However, the impact of the current war between Russia and Ukraine has negatively caused a sharp decline in the preparation towards crop production.

There is a higher demand for fertilizer in Chad, yet it is in shortage and even expensive to local farmers. There is a disruption in the supply of fertilizer from the international market, and the intervention of the Chadian Government have so far been enhancing the purchase of more fertilizer though international relations, and support for farmers.

Reduction in crop production and for export due to disruption in fertilizer supply is a pressing issue to the people of Chad amidst other factors such as increasing cost of fuel. The delegation will like to acknowledge the role of the UN food and Agriculture Organization in Chad, and call upon the international community to consider an action on a commission to look into the fertilizer situation in the world to identify potential opportunities the world can explore.

The current major fertilizer producing countries aside Russia and Ukraine should be supported through special programme of the United Nations to boost production to meet demand to avoid hunger and food insecurity becoming the major rippling effect of this war in the coming years.

The idea of building fuel reserves is well understood, and has been very helpful in the face of the present war in Europe. The delegation of Chad will want to encourage the International Community that the time is due to pay attention to building up fertilizer reserves across the world for times like this.

The delegation will also want to make it known to the UN General Assembly that that impact of the Russia and Ukraine war will affect the gross exportation of crops from Chad in the coming seasons as indicated earlier. This will further affect the economic situation of farmers, and Government revenue to support key social interventions.

The Republic of Chad currently acknowledges the dynamics on the grounds and the difficult situation in which we found ourselves due to the present war. However, Chad has consistently supported resolutions on peace such as A/RES/3314 (XXIV) and A/RES/2625(XXV), and will continue to support UN resolutions that find lasting solution to conflicts.

The delegation of Chad believes the International Community need to keep the resolution on the Russia and Ukraine war on top of the agenda for now if we want to avoid further disruption in achieving the Sustainable Development goals (A/RES/07/1).

The Republic of Chad recognises the efforts of the European Community in adjusting to the current situation and will call on the International Community and the United Nations to pay close attention to the actions of the European Union, and make available the necessary supports from other member states.

States must respect the sovereignty of other states and allow unity to prevail so we can fight a common goal in achieving the Sustainable development goals. Globalization currently means no one does anything in his corner and the other doesn't feel the effect.

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