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We, the Republic of South Korea, with this would like to outline our position in regards to the Issue which is stated in the topic.

South Korea said on Thursday that it'll join a move to sanction Russia if the latter carries out a full-blown invasion of Ukraine.

"The (South Korean) government has no other option but to affix sanctions against Russia, including export controls" if Russia goes ahead with a full-fledged war in any form despite repeated warnings from the international community, Yonhap news organisation reported citing a senior foreign ministry official's statement.

South Korea has been in consultations with the US and other allies on the problem.

The government will consider all available options to minimise the potential impact on the economy and damages on Korean businesses from such measures, the official added.

South Korea faces a novel situation having to balance the continental and maritime aspects of its geopolitical orientation. Developments in Ukraine underscore the geographic scope of how South Korea's status as a geopolitical player in Eurasia affects Seoul's attempts to pursue a commitment to liberalism, additionally as narrower national interest.

While the Russia–South Korea bilateral partnership isn't the strongest of either Moscow's or Seoul's diplomatic relationships, the connection is mostly innocent of overt tensions. Both the Russian and South Korean governments view economics because the mainstay of the connection, while also bringing political benefits to either side.

For Russia, access to South Korean investment and technology is crucial for development of the Russian Far East to secure its Northeast Asian periphery. Meanwhile, Republic of Korea views Russia as a gateway to wider Eurasian economic markets.

South Korea is thus watching developments in Ukraine with great interest, particularly given the likelihood that the U.A could bring to a halt Russia from the SWIFT financial network. this might be devastating for Russia–South Korea trade, especially Russian energy sales. It could also undermine the South Korean automotive industry's solid presence in Russia, and jeopardise Seoul's ambitions to ink a trade agreement with the Eurasian Economic Union.

The proposed solutions:

It is necessary to activate the continuous calls and the need to sit at the dialogue table to stop all violations that occur in Ukraine.

- 1- Russia should immediately stop the war on Ukraine and withdraw its troops.
- 2- The international community should provide humanitarian support to Ukraine.
- 3- There is no military solution! Russia and the international community must use diplomatic and peaceful solutions.