



Trinidad and Tobago

Country: Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

Committee: UNGA

Topic Area: Russia and Ukraine Crisis

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Before the topic introduction, I would be pleased to give a brief introduction about the country I am representing.

The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, is the southernmost island country in the Caribbean. Consisting of the main islands Trinidad and Tobago, and numerous much smaller islands. This country is situated 11 kilometers off the coast of northeastern Venezuela. Trinidad and Tobago gained its independence from the United Kingdom on 31 August 1962 with queen Elizabeth II remaining head of state. Between the years 1972 and 1983, the country profited greatly from the rising price of oil and the discovery of vast new oil deposits in its territorial waters, resulting in an economic boom that substantially increased living standards. Tourism and the public service are the mainstay of the economy of the country, though authorities have attempted to diversify the island's economy.

Russia–Trinidad and Tobago relations are the bilateral relations between the Russian Federation and Trinidad and Tobago. Diplomatic relations were established on June 6, 1974. Russia is represented in Trinidad and Tobago through a non-resident embassy in Georgetown, Guyana.

Trinidad and Tobago has outrightly rebuked Russia for its attack on neighboring Ukraine. Minister of Foreign affairs stated that this current invasion raises a serious threat to global peace. The Minister said: "I have instructed our overseas Missions to use all available diplomatic channels and fora to condemn the outbreak of violence on Ukraine.

Earlier in February, The Ministry of Trade and Industry says it has commenced a detailed review of Trinidad and Tobago's trade with both Ukraine and Russia to determine what impact the on-going conflict will have on this country's international trade especially as it relates to food security.

Trinidad and Tobago's total average annual exports to Ukraine and Russia during the period 2016-2021 was approximately TT\$3.9 million and TT\$6.3 million

respectively. The Ministry noted that Trinidad and Tobago's total average annual imports from Ukraine was approximately TT\$6.4 million. It added that imports from Russia have significantly declined since 2010 from TT\$1.4 billion to TT\$24 million in 2021.

One of the main issues raised out of this conflict except it threatens the peace in the region, is the impact imposed over Trinidad and Tobago import/export movement to both of Russia and Ukraine.

Proposed solutions:

1. War must be stopped to save the citizens and innocent souls
2. International community must stand firm against the war
3. Diplomacy must be put on the table.