



Committee – United Nations General Council.

Country- Uganda.

Topic: Russia-Ukraine crisis.

Russia- Ukraine relations are the bilateral ties between the Russian Federation and Ukraine. Following the Ukrainian Revolution of Dignity in 2014, Ukraine's the Crimean Peninsula was occupied by unmarked Russian forces, later being annexed by Russia, while Pro- Russian separatists simultaneously engaged the Ukrainian military in an armed conflict for control over eastern Ukraine; these events marked the beginning of the Russo-Ukrainian war. In a major escalation of the conflict on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2022, Russia launched a full-scale broad front, causing Ukraine to sever all formal diplomatic ties with Russia.

Uganda's Vote at the United Nations in the General Assembly in 2022, condemning Russia's invasion and demanding its immediate withdrawal was a gambit meant to serve the interests of two powerful puppet masters.

Thirty-five-member states including Uganda abstained. Mr. Adonia Ayebare, Uganda's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, offered a plausible defense of Uganda's position at the United Nations Vote- ' ' As treasuring chair of Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), neutrality is key. Uganda will continue to play a constructive role in the maintenance of peace and security, both globally and regionally' ' he said.

Furthermore, Russia found itself isolated in the international community when the United Nations General Assembly voted overwhelmingly in support of a resolution demanding Moscow stop its war in Ukraine.

'Together, a strong majority of UN member states made it clear Russia bears sole responsibility for the grave humanitarian crisis and violence in Ukraine, United States Ambassador Linda Thomas Field told reporters after the vote.' Together, we called for the protection of all civilians fleeing the conflict and for steps to mitigate the increase in food insecurity caused by this senseless war and together we re-affirmed the UN charter ' '

Uganda feels that while it is encouraging that direct talks between Kyiv and Moscow have begun, a possible first step toward resolving the conflict could be agreeing to a cease-fire, while Kyiv consents not to join NATO.

Russia still has the means to do a lot of damage and could keep on destroying Ukraine and threatening the west. The most pressing short-term goal is to stop the war without showing weakness. This means that Russia must not be put through unnecessary humiliation. However, the west must clearly show that further military aggression will be met with determination. It is a good sign that European countries especially Germany have realized the need to strengthen their defense forces.

For the debated territories namely Crimea and Donbas, there could be referendums under International supervision, possibly two separate ones. The two should be able to choose between different possibilities; autonomy, independence, or remaining.

Concerning European Union membership, Ukraine could be given applicant status. It would be optimal for Kyiv to have access to the four freedoms of the European Union's internal market without necessarily becoming a full member. This neutrality between NATO, the European Union, and Russian Federation would need to be guaranteed. This would be the ideal outcome.

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