



## Ukraine Position Paper

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### I/ Background Information on Ukraine

Ukraine is a country with an approximate population of 42 million making Ukraine the 32'nd most populated country in the world. Ukraine is located in Eastern Europe with the capital of Kyiv and is bordered by Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Moldova, Russia, and Belarus. Before the year 1991 Ukraine was a part of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). However, on August 24, 1991, Ukraine claimed that the country would no longer follow the laws of the USSR and only the laws of the Ukranian SSR defining itself as an independent nation.

Ukraine is a developing country with a Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of 112 billion USD. Even though Ukraine is classified as a developing country, due to its fruitful farmlands Ukraine is one of the world's biggest grain exporters according to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Ukraine has maintained its position with the second-largest military in Europe throughout many years. Ukraine is a unitary republic and currently ruled with a semi-presidential system consisting of the separate power systems of legislation, judiciary, and executive. In other terms, Ukraine is ruled by a president who is currently Oleksandr Turchynov and other ministers who are working under the aforementioned branches.

Ukraine is currently either a member or an observer in several international organizations such as but limited to: United Nations (UN) since the 24'th of October 1945, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe since the 28'th of March 1947, NATO partnership for peace since the 8'th February 1994, GUAM Organization for Democracy and Economic Development since the 10'th of October 1997, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation since the 1'st of May 1999, Eurasian Economic Community (as an observer) since May 2002. Consequently, Ukraine holds an important place in the European region and has a part in many organizations regarding Europe.

### II/ Past Achievements and Attempts of Ukraine on the Issues

- A. **The Question of the Caucasus:** Due to the geological location of the Caucasus any kind of development will have a direct influence on the nation of Ukraine and might affect the countries external(international) policies. Additionally, as a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Ukraine requests peace in the Caucasus region with the help of other members of NATO in order to suspend any kind of conflict within the Caucasus region.
- B. **The Question of the Caspian Sea and Surrounding Territories:** In December 1996, Azerbaijan signed an agreement with Georgia and Ukraine regarding the transportation of oil on the Caspian



Sea. In the period of 1996-1998, Ukraine joined the interregional program of technical assistance "TRACECA", which was and still is financed from the European Union. The program aims at the development of the transport corridor with the starting point of Europe, crossing the Black Sea, Caucasus, the Caspian Sea and with the final destination point the Central Asian countries.

- C. The Question of the Shift of Trade Routes in Eurasia:** On December 2017 Vice-President of PRC State Council Ma Kai and Prime-Minister of Ukraine Volodymyr Hroysma had a meeting regarding an Action Plan between Ukraine and the People's Republic of China(PRC) upon the matter of the initiative for creating Great Silk Road Economic Belt also known as the One Belt One Road initiative. Ukraine believes that Trade Routes in Eurasia, especially the One Belt One Road initiative is an important geo-economical project which may play a major role in the development of the Ukrainian Economy since it supports the ideology of Ukraine which is to provide Ukraine sustainable economic cooperation and economic integration in the European Union.

### III/ Objectives, Aims and Possible Solutions Proposed by Ukraine on the Issues

- A. The Question of the Caucasus:** As a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Ukraine wishes to contribute in helping to remain piece in the Caucasus region.
- B. The Question of the Caspian Sea and Surrounding Territories:** Ukraine recommends the creation of a council called "Peace In The Caspian Sea" which will include all willing member states ,not regarding their position on the issue of the question of the Caspian sea and the territories surrounding the Caspian Sea, as well as non governmental organizations such as the World Trade Organization (WTO) , North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in order to eliminate any arbitrary act which may occur due to the involved countries personal interest upon the matter. The council will be monitored by the United Nations Security Council aiming at securing the region and providing perpetual peace within the borders of the region. Ukraine urges all member states who are involved in the issue to define the Caspian Sea in one particular way (meaning referring to the Caspian Sea in the same way) and use the same definition before taking any action since confusion is observed to be a result of different definitions ,more specifically the usage of the terms lake and sea ,which are associated with the region. The unique definition of the Caspian Sea will determine further actions that may be granted according to the applicability of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).
- C. The Question of the Shift of Trade Routes in Eurasia:** Ukraine requests financial help from Non governmental organizations such as the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and World Bank to help fund the creation of the One Belt One Road or any other newly forming trade route due to the fact that it is appropriate to include economically developing countries in the actions of trade which will enhance the economic growth of developing countries and contribute to the world



economy as well. However, since countries such as Ukraine are classified as developing countries it would be more than profitable to take advantage of the organizations that are willing to contribute. If the already existing organizations aren't willing to contribute then it is more than necessary to establish an NGO called "Trade Route Fund" which will subsidize the creation of the routes. Ukraine suggests the creation of an organization specialized in the construction of the trade routes called "Trade Routes" which will aim at monitoring the establishment of the routes and obtain its funding from private investors, willing member states and organizations. The monitoring process will be done by the aforementioned organization (Trade Routes) which will conduct its work excluding any act of discrimination and bias. Member states who are related to the trading activities on the routes will receive reports regarding the development of the routes which will be further supported by UNdata. On this occasion, UNdata will be responsible for collecting data regarding the economic development of all participating member states. The creation of a monitoring organization will also eliminate the chance of countries using their economical powers as a source of prejudice towards developing countries. Ukraine wishes to participate in the forming trade routes in order to develop as a country and contribute to the world's economy.



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