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UN SECURITY COUNCIL

Deliberation on the Russia-Ukraine Conflict

“WILL THERE BE A TOMORROW FOR UKRAINE?”

Is Ukraine just a mass of land for countries to claim as their own? SPECIAL MILITARY OPERATION or INVASION? What Russia did do to Ukraine right or wrong? Maahi Khanka explores the truth and expresses her points, for the topic being, the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

Intriguingly, what Russia calls a “special military operation”, seems to be like an “invasion” of Ukraine. It all started with time when Ukraine pursued to join NATO and Russia was strongly against it. Ukraine’s reasons for trying to join NATO were very clear. If there was an armed attack against any member of NATO it allows NATO to take action as a form of self-defense under Article 5 of the NATO charter. Something, that Ukraine required due to the increasing threats of invasion from Russia. On the other side Russia’s reason for not wanting Ukraine to join NATO which Russia thought by triggered by the USA.

If Ukraine joins NATO, it is eligible to get support from the group’s members in case of external attacks. Hence, Russia believes that Ukraine could attempt to take Crimea back if it joins NATO. Accordingly, Russia wants the west to stay out of Ukraine as Putin wants to restore Moscow’s influence throughout the post-soviet space. Moreover, after the collapse of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Russia lost control of 14 former republics including Ukraine. The Russian president demands a guarantee from the west that it will not join hands with Ukraine and that Ukraine demilitarizes and become a neutral state.



During the time Russia attacked, Ukraine had total active personnel of 245,000 whereas Russia had active personnel of a total of 1,024,000. The difference was 779,000, which seems like a cakewalk for Russia to take over Ukraine in two to three days. Similar to what Russia thought, but what Russia didn't see coming was that Ukraine would not back down which caused them a huge disadvantage as they lost between 21,000 and 45,000 troops in these four weeks of conflict with Ukraine. In addition to that, European countries refrained from buying from Russia, which made a large part of the Russian economy. Not only did it have a negative impact on countries surrounding the whole situation but it also affected the whole world resulting in the worst climate conditions. Instead of hundreds of innocent civilians having their houses destroyed and being slaughtered, the whole agenda can be talked out on the table without any destruction. Concluding the only words, we can speak looking throughout the whole crisis are, that WAR IS NOT THE SOLUTION TO ANY PROBLEM.

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'Is this not enough?'

Date: 23rd April 2022,
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Dear Diary,

Sitting here after the first committee session I realized how oblivious to reality I have been. As my crystal-clear sphere of ignorance breaks, I realize that this world is not all "cupcakes and rainbows". I realize that people in their daily life live "beautiful lies" while reality on the other hand is the "horrible truth".

'Russia-Ukraine Conflict':

'Conflict' is not even close to defining this situation. A poem titled 'After Blenheim' by Robert Southey proves the fact that people in today's time have romanticized war. Today's society usually takes war as something casual, but only the people who have been affected by wars, only the people who have lost hope while waiting for their loved ones to come back know how hideous reality is. As mentioned by the delegates of Ukraine and Georgia, "For how long will this shameless, brutal, relentless attack continue?", "For how long will children keep on losing their golden era of innocence?".

Today, I witnessed interesting discussions on imposing economic sanctions on Russia and Ukraine asking countries to provide them with more military support and nuclear weapons "not to escalate the situation but to have some ground to protect themselves on". This as expected was not received well by the other countries. Things got more intense when Russia (whose delegate ironically did not show up for the meeting) was represented by the Executive Board for some time. There was intense questioning, with Russia trying to defend itself, but even after this, it seemed that by the end the countries were not satisfied with Russia's justifications.

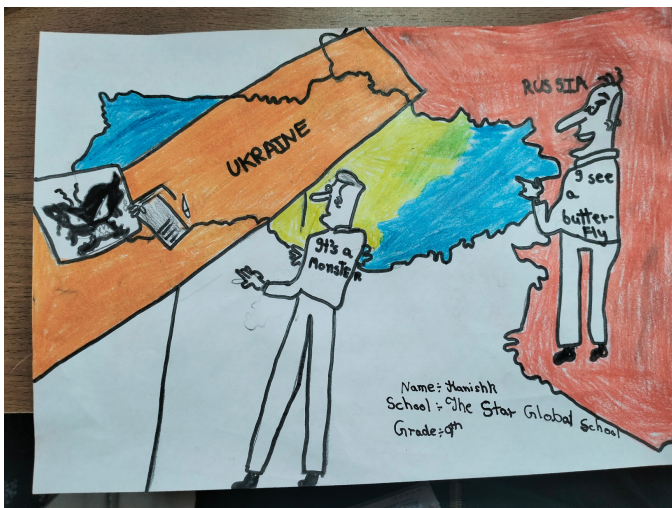


The phrase 'Each coin has two sides, is true to this situation. The only difference is that instead of being a normal coin, this one is dripping with blood.

People think stopping war will bring world peace but is ending war enough for world peace? No, it is not. World peace means a world that is united, compassionate, empathetic, and open-minded. Sitting here today I learned something that will remain immortal with me. I learned that in trying to achieve greatness, in trying to prove our power, we have forgotten who we are. We have forgotten that we are all the same, in trying to hurt one particular person we end up hurting millions. We have forgotten that we are all travelers on this journey of life...

Is this not enough?

Signing off,
Yours truly,
Aditi Agarwal,
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UN INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY FUNDS

Providing Violence Response and Access to Justice for Children and
Youth

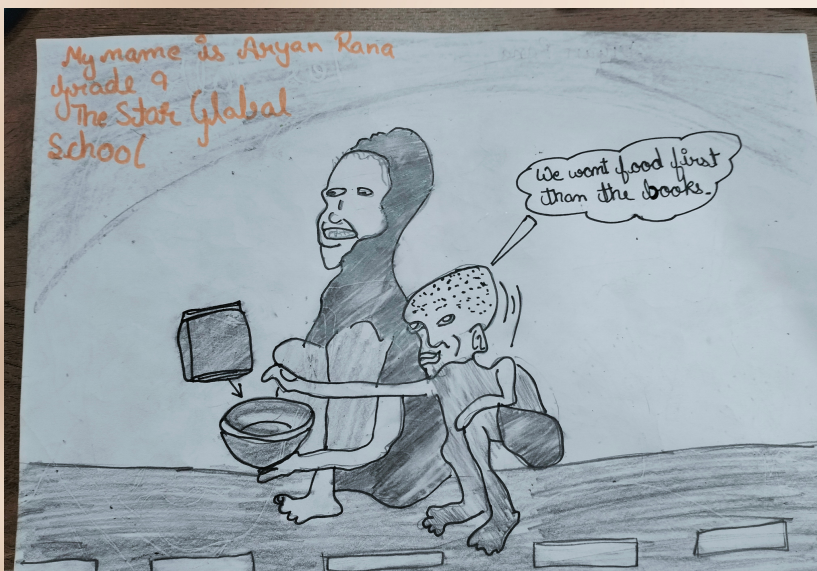
Stolen Futures

Dear Diary,

"When adults start wars children perish," exclaimed a delegate that made my walls of ignorance collapse. As I feel the finely built wall between me and reality crumble I am left shivering in the cold hard reality. Childhood is defined as simplicity, the time when the only nightmares are the ones we see in our dreams. This definition is erroneous for the ones who watch long stretches of concrete buildings shred to rubble every day. The ones who listen to their mother's wail, gunfires and explosions growing closer every day. These children, not only belonging to Ukraine but many war-torn countries like Syria and Yemen are being drawn further and further into wars started by 'terrorists in suits'.

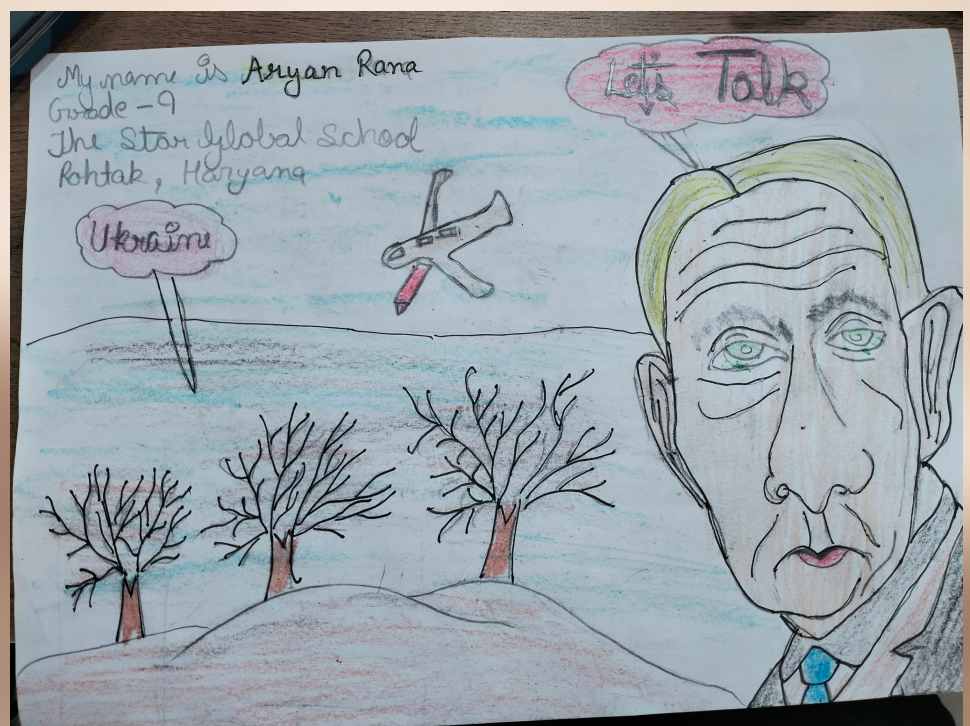
Instead of seeing ecstatic and smiling faces in parks, you can observe the bizarre horror of losing a loved one to the cold-blooded catastrophic war in their eyes.

As I witness each delegate giving their speeches all I can think about is a girl like me, with the right to live under the conditions of freedom and dignity, as competent but deprived of the opportunities that are simply handed to me. Scrolling through more articles, my shocked and dismayed mind started reflecting on my privileges. These children belonging to the poorest and most underdeveloped nations perish due to acute malnutrition. Wars serve as a screeching halt to the ambitions and dreams of the children of these countries, as the illiteracy rate is off the charts. Girls are married off way before their legal age as parents can't raise them with their petty income. As their countries are left on the brink of collapse, the healthcare system crumbling, many of them are displaced while crossing borders, fleeing the escalating conflict in their motherland.



My heart goes out to these kids, who have nothing to keep them warm in the refugee camps in the bitter winters, the kids who instead of learning shapes and colors have to learn what weapon is being used just by the sound of it, to the children who have to go to bed wondering if they will see the dawn of the next day. It is heartbreaking to see what these children endure every day. I hope that we survive to see a day where these children get the world they deserve. A world with no guns, no bloodshed, no violence, and no hate.

Yours,
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UN ENVIRONMENT

ASSEMBLY

Drastically Reducing Maritime Pollution, including Plastic

The Cycle of Karma Commocean in the Ocean!

Living and swimming within the same curved, glass walls of a fishbowl was my monotonous life. My owner set me free in the Pacific Ocean along the shore of Okuma town. I ecstatically started dreaming of swimming through the vents of a colorful coral palace.

The irony dawned upon me on entering the huge ocean. My eyes and body were burning and the chemicals' smell irritated me. The oily water made my fins and gills sticky which restricted my breathing and advancement. The murky water made the view before me indiscernible. The actuality of my dream world was contrary to my expectations. My fantasy of encountering a shoal of fish swimming past me which I would cheerfully befriend was ruthlessly replaced by buoyant trash pieces. As I maneuvered through the crevices of fringing coral reefs in the intertidal zone, I realized the 'rainforests of the sea' were abandoned by its spectacular residents and looked bleached and dilapidated. The tranquillity of deep waters was ruined by the noisy, heavy machinery installed on the ocean floor, the light and heat of which shattered my expectations of a dark, cool benthic zone and the deserted area hardly had any benthos.

The seaweeds that I had dreamt of brushing against me as I would swim through the quiet, clear water were buried under the debris and all I could see were clouds of sediments and dust which turned the water turbid and me hopeless. Wait, next to them was, what?? Broken oyster shells, rubbish, unpolished precious stones...so they were, huh? Taking our treasure whilst devastating our homes!!! The weirdest incident was my reencounter with the members of my community who looked strange.

Some had three eyes, a few with conjoined bodies whilst others were extraordinarily huge. The curious Einstein in me got into action and soon learned that all this was the impact of untreated radioactive effluents being carelessly disposed of from the Fukushima Dai-Ichi Nuclear Power Station, located near the coast. As I explored my way back to the abyssal zone, I saw loads of marine animals being caught in huge nets. A smirk appeared on my face not because I escaped being captured but because the bioaccumulated radioactive substances will now see their way into the inhuman human physiology, who would gulp on seafood without a thought.

That day I realized the world moves not like an arrow, but a boomerang.
What you give, you get.

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OPINIONATED EDITORIAL

Promising won't work, let's see if your actions speak greater than your words.

Today, I talk about Maritime Pollution, one of the most pre-eminent topics to think about and work upon. It mainly comprises trash, chemicals, plastic, radioactive waste, pesticides, and possibly everything you can think of. Every year there are horrendous cases of oil spills, and extermination of aquatic life but all we do is listen or read it and then do absolutely nothing about it.

"NO WATER, NO LIFE. NO BLUE, NO GREEN"- Silvia Earle.

We owe our lives to the oceans. They contribute to 50% of oxygen production. The other 50% is from the trees that are brutally being cut down by humans. If the aquatic life dies, the ecosystem would collapse, and there would be the destruction of the economy and the bitter end of the human race.

Today, it seemed like all the delegates were only trying to blame each other for what is happening instead of coming to a united solution. The committee was SLOW PROGRESSING. Some made contradictory speeches, but there was a lack of proper research and unity. Alone they might make a difference but together they are capable of making a change. Why did no one feel the urge to protect our planet? Is the youth lacking the passion? The world requires awareness and inspiration in the youth to undertake actions to save human life. Saying that "Stop using plastic" won't work anymore.

Every country is at its peak of technological advancements and developments but all of this is used in putting other nations down. Instead using our intelligence and the potential to come up with real-life solutions to help ourselves survive, would be a far better approach. Making promises and saying that our country WILL do so is not the solution. Actions and passion are what we require and this implies to each and every human being on this planet. The Earth is neither mine nor yours, it's ours- our beautiful, precious home.

The Earth has saved, protected us, and given us life and we humans are so selfish that we are exploiting our home? The day the world would have to beg even for 1 glass of FRESH water, is the day they will know. We have to understand that we will DIE if this goes on. Stand up and fight for your planet as well as your life.

The Earth needs your help but so do you need Earth for your existence.

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UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

Investigating the Existence of Chinese Concentration

Camps

Interview – UNHRC

1. What is China's take on the prohibition of international reporters on the grounds of XUAR and the restrictions put on the visitors?

Delegate of China: China was not ready to allow international reporters in the XUAR region as they think that the western media is against them and has always said things that are against China. And even if the Chinese government allows international reporters in the area, the government thinks that they would still be able to make up a story against China.

2. Why doesn't the Chinese government take the responsibility of the Re-education camps even though they say

that they do not come under the direct control of the Chinese government but still are a part of the Chinese soil? And what proof do they have against the allegations and sanctions that have been implemented upon the Chinese government other than their denial?

Delegate: They chose not to answer this question.



3. What precautions do the signatories of the agreed conclusions have if China ever goes against their terms in the future?

Delegate: The members of the International community have made a consensus with China to come down and finalize a draft of the agreed conclusions that has the terms of the members and China for the removal of the sanctions against the Chinese government. But if China ever goes against these terms, the other members will strip China of its rights and powers.

4. What steps are to be taken by the International community for the betterment of the people of the XUAR?

Delegate: a special status will be granted to the XUAR and would now be under the direct governance and care of the international community. There will be the deployment of the international press, media, activists, humanitarian groups, and psychological, educational, medical, and diplomatic experts in the region to ensure the socio-economic progress and upliftment of the Uyghurs. The international committee would also like to send tactical intelligence agents and teams alongside military support to ensure that the international committee has a more elaborate report of the reality of the situation.

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5. Why was China against the passing of the agreed conclusions even though they were one of the authors?

Delegate: The only reason why China agreed to draft the agreed conclusions was not to be harsh. They were threatened and supposedly did not have a choice but to agree to draft the agreed conclusions.

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