POSITION PAPER

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I mast. Soham Satalkar, the delegate of Mexico would like to tell why the Russia-Ukraine War started. As Ukraine wanted to join NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) by which they will get help from the U.S. army, which will make them stronger. Which is not a good sign for Russia, they were afraid of this as if this happens Ukraine will be able to annex Crimea (a peninsula in Russia) which was earlier part of Ukraine and invaded by Russia. So this is the reason why Russia attacked Ukraine.

Mexico's response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine is mixed. From the beginning, President of Mexico Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador declared that Mexico would remain neutral in the conflict. Yet, he was quick to criticize the U.S. for providing aid to Ukraine while allowing investment to Mexico and Central to stall over bureaucratic issues. Mexico's president declined to impose sanctions on Russia and condemned the European Parliament for sending arms to Kyiv (Capital of Ukraine). The Mexican government announced it would not send arms to Ukraine, after Ukrainian authorities asked the country's Senate for military help.

However, Mexico has played a proactive role in the United Nations, joining other nations in condemning Russia's invasion. The U.N. General Assembly overwhelmingly approved a resolution, proposed by France and Mexico, blaming Russia for the

humanitarian crisis in Ukraine and urging an immediate cease-fire and protection for millions of civilians.

Domestically, the governing party, Morena, appeared to adopt a more pro-Russian stance. About a half-dozen Morena, PT (Labor Party), and PRI (Institutional Revolutionary Party) members in the house of Deputies created a congressional "Mexico-Russia Friendship Committee", almost a month after the Russia-Ukraine war started.

Thank you