



ARGENTINA

COMMITTEE: UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC)

**TOPIC: SITUATION OF RUSSIA AND UKRAINE CONFLICT-
DIPLOMACY OR CONTINUED CRISIS?**

The delegate of Argentina would like to explain the reason behind the invasion of Russia on Ukraine. As Ukraine was willing to join in NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation) by which the armed forces of the U.S could enter into the borders of Ukraine which is a not good sign for Russia. Russia had a fear that if Ukraine joined NATO it may take control over Crimea which was already annexed by Russia in the past. Because of all the above reasons Russia invaded Ukraine.

The government of Argentina have strongly condemned the Russian invasion on Ukraine in an UN conference held in the month of March. Also the Foreign ministry of Argentina further called for Russia to cease all Military actions against Ukraine. Argentina also calls for peace in Ukraine and supports Ukraine in calling Russian invasion as genocide. Argentine President Alberto Fernandez said that the Russian war on Ukraine has disrupted world peace and the violence has cost human lives.

“The peace of the world is disturbed by the military invasion of the Russian Federation on Ukraine. Europe is moved as the spectre of war rises again. Again war violence devastates human

lives,” Fernandez said during the opening of the 140th ordinary legislative session of Argentina's National Congress.

In a conference of UN, the delegate of Argentina called on the Russian federation to immediately end its dishonest use of force and military operations in the Ukrainian territory. Also, the delegate of Argentina supported the “UNGA resolution” on Ukraine which reaffirms Ukrainian sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity.

The on-going war in Ukraine is taking a toll on the worldwide economy and is a particular danger to Argentina.

On the other hand, Argentina stands for benefit from very high prices for wheat and corn as Ukraine is the largest exporter of wheat and corn.

The Argentine government mentioned that it does not consider sanctions against Russia an effective way to resolve the conflict in Ukraine and also the foreign minister of Argentina , Santiago Cafiero in an interview noted that Argentine laws, even in theory; do not allow the country to impose "unilateral sanctions." Argentina does not believe that the imposition of sanctions and blockades is a fruitful way to achieve peace, dialogue and diplomatic negotiations," said, answering a question about the situation around Ukraine. The reason behind this kind of soft stance contradicting the previous reaction of Argentina supporting Ukraine could be the dependence of the nation on Russia for “Sputnik” Covid-19 vaccine, wheat and other imports from this nation like hydrocarbons, oil and natural gas. “On the other hand, Argentina also recommends a return to negotiation, calming the situation in Ukraine.

A delegate might think that the strange aspect of Russia’s war on Ukraine have been the behaviours of both Brazil’s President Jair Bolsonaro and also the president of Argentina Alberto Fernandez. Both leaders paid visits to Russia where they met with Vladimir Putin on February 24; shortly before the Russia – Ukraine crisis started. The visits were not part of any effort to prevent the invasion, as everyone knew that the Russian forces were threatening Ukraine.

Ukraine's government is openly disappointed by the lack of active support from some of Latin America's biggest democracies. While traditionally neutral countries elsewhere, such as Switzerland, Sweden and Japan, are imposing sanctions on Putin's regime, Mexico, Brazil and Argentina are not even willing to take symbolic measures against Russia presently compared to previous times

The delegate of Argentina would like to conclude by saying that the government of Argentina is supporting Ukraine in this conflict and argentine government doesn't feel that imposing sanctions on Russia is a better preference to stop the crisis. Also the argentine government would like to call for peace, dialogue and a negotiation between Russia and Ukraine to stop the war.