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Russian Aggression

Hello kids, I'm your Vice Chair Seth. I'm extremely excited to be Vice Chairing for the MVHS conference. When I'm not being literally a meme lord, I'm likely sleeping, because I'll I'm a freshman at MVHS and this is my first year of MUN, and it gets more exciting as we go. I'm looking forward to meeting you all on the day of the conference.

I. Background

In 2006 Georgia's western ambitions by integrating Georgia into NATO which in turn demolished relationship with Russia. The sanctions put in place and the deportation of hundreds of Georgian citizens deemed illegal. Following, Georgia arrested four russians for allegedly spying. The Next year, Russia attempted to expand the land in its possession by clamming part of the North Pole. This claim was the way for Russia to make billions in oil from the Arctic Ocean. Later in 2007 Russia withdrew its participation in the Arms Treaty that would limit the amount of heavy military grade equipment a European country could have. In 2008 Russia started to perform exercises that spread more fear and doubt through already worried nations. In 2009 Russia halts gas to Ukraine by cutting of the supply after an agreement could not be made over payments. Thirteen days without gas cause havoc in and a major loss in revenue. In 2011 Russia and China vetoed a resolution that would put an end to violence in Syria by economic sanctions on Syria. In 2013 out of fear Russia placed a proposal to lower the tensions by placing chemical weapons under the control of the international community. However one year later Russia invaded Ukraine to take over Crimea. Also in 2014 a Malaysian Airlines flight is shot down killing all 298 people, after mistaking the airline for a missile. Russia later bombed anti-assad rebels in Syria, some believe because the CIA backed the supposed rebels.

II. UN involvement:

Ukraine has called recently for a mechanism to document all acts of aggression by member states. Russia recently lost their seat on the United Nations Human Rights Council after being heavily criticized for the treatment of LGBT individuals and the lack of support for Syrian president. Many see this as a basic violation of human rights. Russia recently has been accused of war crimes in relations to Syria. The United States has also accused Russia of war crimes. They also demanded Russia to bring their allies and immediately stop the attacks on Syria's city. Cease-fire deals created by the United States and Russia have been brutally broken on a violent airstrike on a UN aid convoy. The differences between these two sides is only growing more and more. At least three rescue teams have been hit by airstrikes, and vehicles of safety have been destroyed and damaged.

III. Possible Solutions:

The world needs to act fast to avoid another war, a solution would be to completely block away from Russia. It is important for you to decide with your country's policy in mind how we must take a stand in this solution. Is a hands on approach better with the harshest sanctions and place boots on the ground or do we decide to place a solution in the middle? A solution should seek establishment of a council a possible solution. The decision may either be a fast-moving plan of action, or a plan established from intervals, in which meetings are first held to



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hold votes on the best possible action before any real movement of troops or passing of sanctions occurs.

Bloc Positions:

Western European Bloc: Condemns the actions currently being taken by Russia in their annexation of Crimea along with current military aggressions in the Syrian conflict.

Eastern European Bloc: Directly impacted by Russian aggressions as the Ukraine was not only invaded, but had Crimea annexed into Russia – losing a portion of its land. Not only does this remind nations of the rule of the U.S.S.R. but also hints at the possibility that Russia will attempt to re-achieve the amount of power it had as the U.S.S.R.

Middle Eastern Bloc: Currently Middle Eastern nations are being assisted by Russia and have not taken an exact stance on the annexation of Crimea nor on Russian aggressions.

North American Bloc: The United States in particular has condemned Russia's actions, but has done little with the issue of the annexation of Crimea and growing tensions toward Russia's new military strength it is displaying in various conflicts – including those in the Middle East.

Questions to Consider:

- Where does your nation stand in this crisis as presented?
- What are some peaceful ways to resolve the issues?
- Energy plays a major role in this conflict, this will affect both Ukraine and many European countries that are dependent on Russia for gas. How do we secure energy security?
- What can be done to strengthen international law along with protecting the sovereignty of a nation?



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