## The Security Council

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How does your nation support the rebuilding of Iraq? What is your country's position on the civil war in Syria? Does your nation support military action against ISL? Does your nation provide humanitaria How can the UN ensure that humanitarian resources do not fall into the wrong hands? What action should be taken against those who use rape as a weapon or child soldiers?

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## Russia/Ukraine Crisis

Beginning in 2013 with pro-democracy protests in Kiev, which led to the ousting of sitting President Victor Yanukovych, the situation quickly escalated as the Russian Government realized its strategic interests in the region were threatened. The protests began as the Yanukovych government – which had been in negotiations with the European Union for year20(pe)0(f)32(o)- as an act of genocide. According to some Ukrainians, the Soviet leader Joseph Stalin caused this famine. This is a bitter history that has left its toll on current relations.

The region of Crimea was given to Ukraine in 1954—when both Ukraine and Crimea were part of the Soviet Union. Eastern regions of Ukraine, specifically Donetsk and Luhansk, proclaimed independence movements, with the sitting officials defecting to the Russian side explicitly. The new government in Kiev declared them illegitimate, and the fighting is still going on to this day. Resolution of this situation can only come from a concert of the powers involved. Peace is needed if we were to avoid another Balkan civil war situation. We will debate this Russian-Ukrainian conflict and figure out its repercussions on European and international security. We will also discuss the question of self-determination and secession. We will talk about the pro-Russian population in Ukraine and what exactly the UN Security Council can do to ensure the safety and human rights of the peoples involved.

## Questions

You need to have a solid understanding of the conflict—how it started, how it evolved, the major actors, etc...

Is your country a member of the EU?

What are your countries economic ties to Russia?

Does your country believe that the Crimean region belongs to Ukraine or to the Russian Federation?

What can be done to help solve this issue?

What are the security implications for your country? Economic implications?

## Resources

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