

As UN Youth Delegates, we reaffirm our unwavering support for Ukraine and its people in the face of ongoing aggression.

Recent developments in Russia's brutal war of aggression highlight the urgent need for a just and lasting peace, one that is grounded in international law, respect for sovereignty, and the fundamental principles of the UN Charter. We continue to stand in solidarity with those affected by this war, particularly the women and young people of Ukraine, whose resilience and determination continue to inspire the global community.

Recent diplomatic engagements have highlighted the complexities of maintaining a unified international response to this crisis. Differences in approach among key global actors have created tensions, with some questioning the long-term viability of continued support for Ukraine. **We urge global leaders to remain steadfast in their support for Ukraine**, not just in the immediate crisis but in the long-term recovery. Fragmentation in diplomatic efforts only serves to prolong suffering and set a dangerous precedent that undermines the future of global security.

The ongoing war has underscored significant weaknesses within the current multilateral system. The inability of institutions like the UN Security Council to take decisive action has highlighted the **urgent need for reform and stronger mechanisms of accountability**, as impunity for violations of international law only fuels further aggression. We hope that the multiple world crises we face serve as a catalyst for reevaluation of how we address violations of international law, as there will be no peace and security anywhere in the world if aggression is rewarded.

As youth delegates, we believe that peace is only meaningful when it is lasting, just, and centered on human security—the protection of people's rights, freedoms, and well-being. True peace is not merely the absence of war but the presence of conditions that allow individuals and societies to thrive. This requires a firm commitment to justice, access to education, healthcare, economic stability, and the protection of fundamental human rights. In this context, **we reaffirm the importance of the Youth, Peace, and Security (YPS) agenda**, as outlined in UN Security Council Resolution 2250, which recognizes the vital role of young people in shaping peace, fostering resilience, and leading post-conflict recovery efforts.

We emphasise the need for **strong security guarantees**. Sustainable peace requires robust mechanisms to protect Ukraine from future aggression. History shows that without credible assurances, peace remains fragile. The international community must work toward binding commitments that uphold Ukraine's sovereignty, deter aggression, and ensure regional stability. Ukraine's territorial integrity must be respected, and there can be no discussions about Ukraine without Ukraine. There is no question who in this war is the brutal aggressor and who the courageous defender, who is the culprit and who the victim.

We stand with Ukraine.

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