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3. Topic: State Sovereignty

4. To the General Assembly,

5. Affirming Ukraine’s commitment to Article 2, clause 4 of the UN Charter, which states that

6. “[a]ll Members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force

7. against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner 8.inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations,”

9. Emphasizing that Ukraine is dedicated to the pursuit of all possible peaceful options, 10.including negotiations, in issues of violation of state sovereignty before turning to military 11. force,

12. Noting that Ukraine’s position on state sovereignty is particularly pertinent due to the 13.recent illegal seizure of the Republic of Crimea by the Russian Federation,

14. **The Sovereign State of Ukraine hereby:**

15.1.  Urges all member states to comply with the goals of the UN Charter in issues of violations 16. state sovereignty, which specifically refers to refraining from the use of force or other 17.strategies which are inconsistent with the goals of the United Nations;

18. 2. Suggests the implementation of a state of emergency, such as has been considered with 19.Crimea, during relevant situations in which state sovereignty has been violated in order to:

20. I. Allow the appropriate borders between neighboring states to be closed to prevent

21. conflict

22. II. Introduce curfews, food rationing, and limitations on travel for local residents to

23. establish a measure of security and stability

24. III. Mobilize security organizations within the state to prevent the potential spread of

25. violence;

26. 3. Strongly condemns the recent actions of the Russian Federation, as Ukraine believes the 27. seizure of Crimea to be a direct challenge to the goals of the UN and its Charter;

28. 4. Recommends the creation of an international database, overseen by the United

29. Nations, for the sharing of relevant data and intelligence in order to better identify and 30.monitor the warning signs of potential violations of state sovereignty, which are defined as

31. I. exacerbated tensions between neighboring states (which includes but is not limited to 32. the exchange of incendiary remarks)

33. II. political unrest in a state, which includes a decrease in respect from the populace for 34. government, such as occurred in Ukraine before the illegal seizure of Crimea;

35. 5. Proposes the creation of a subcommittee to work in collusion with the Security Council 36.and the Disarmament and International Security Committee with a corresponding task force to fully research matters pertaining to possible violations of state sovereignty;

37. 6. Endorses the creation of a system of classification to identify the stages that lead up to and 38. take place during and after a violation of state sovereignty in order to allow states to 39.formulate appropriate responses, which would include:

40. I. Stage 1, which is characterized by a stable relationship between the states present in the region in question,

41. II. Stage 2, which is characterized by political unrest in one or both states, exacerbated

42. tensions between the states

43. III. Stage 3, which is characterized by the use of military forces by one state within the

44. boundaries of other states;

45. 7. Emphasizes the importance of adherence to the international’s community responsibility to 46. protect the citizens of states in which the government is no longer able or willing to provide

47. security and stability for its citizens;

48. 8. Confirms Ukraine’s belief that the international community’s responsibility to protect is not a violation of state sovereignty in situations which are specified above;

49. 9. Affirms that the Crimean referendum was undertaken without the recognition or permission the legitimate interim Ukrainian government, and thus cannot possibly constitute a valid reason for changing the status of the Republic of Crimea;

50. 10. Solemnly affirms the commitment of Ukraine to inclusive peaceful dialogue with Russia, as Ukraine will be hindered from moving into a position of stability without improved relations with Russia;

51. 11. Urges the international community to never again allow the fear of violating state

52. sovereignty prevent them from intervening to protect citizens whose government is no longer 53. in a position to provide for them.