



THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI

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MALAWI'S POSITION ON THE RUSSIA-UKRAINE CRISIS

The Republic of Malawi has noted, with grave concern, the disturbing current Russian invasion of Ukraine which commenced with a pre-dawn attack on 24th February, 2022.

As a peace-loving country, we believe in the respect and protection of the sanctity of territorial integrity and sovereignty of all UN member states in consonance with international law, in general, and the United Nations Charter, in particular. Malawi condemns any escalation of hostilities and the use of force as a means of settling disputes by anyone, at anytime and anywhere in the world.

Any conflict is needless, particularly now when the global community is fighting the COVID-19 pandemic and various other humanitarian crises arising from climate change-induced natural disasters. In a globalised world, any threats towards peace and security of any country should be a cause of concern to all UN member states as the humanitarian, economic, social and political consequences of conflicts have no regard for boundaries.

We, therefore, appeal to the Russian Federation to withdraw its forces from Ukraine and create a platform for a negotiated solution to the crisis for the sake of humanity's shared aspirations of a secure and peaceful world for all. Malawi further calls for a safe and unconstrained facilitation of humanitarian assistance for the affected and a return to the negotiating table by all stakeholders in this crisis.

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