

R-22-06 Motion to Support Ukraine

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In Effect From: Immediate

Proposer

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It is noted that:

1. Russia has launched an unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, violating the sovereignty of an independent and democratic nation as well as causing needless loss of life.
2. The Ukrainian government has called for rallies in European nations to demand greater sanctions on Russia and support for Ukraine.
3. The Russian invasion has caused a humanitarian and refugee crisis which Ukraine currently does not have adequate resources to alleviate.
4. Ukrainians and others directly impacted by the invasion are among the students and staff at the University of St Andrews.

It is believed that:

1. Greater pressure on the British government could lead to more effective sanctions as well as greater financial and materiel support to Ukraine, both to support its military and alleviate the humanitarian crisis.
2. Better understanding of the situation in Ukraine would allow students and staff to better support friends and colleagues impacted by the invasion.
3. Any financial aid to charities and funds for the Ukrainian people will have a positive impact for those suffering as a result of the invasion.

It is resolved to:

1. Promote, and encourage affiliated groups to promote, resources providing information on the situation in Ukraine and ways to help.
2. Encourage affiliated groups to fundraise for charities working to alleviate the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, such as the British Red Cross which has launched a crisis appeal.
3. Organise, promote, and support a rally in St Andrews calling on the British government to provide greater materiel support for Ukraine and to intensify sanctions on Russia.