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In 2022 the Russian Federation launched an invasion on Ukraine. This war is still ongoing today. Many countries are urging Russia to stop, and back down, but nothing has prevailed.

In an interview with Matteo who is in 7th grade and is representing the delegation of the Russian Federation, he expressed that Russia wants to own the land that Ukraine is on, they want this because Ukraine borders the Mediterranean Sea. Having access to the Mediterranean Sea would allow Russia to have more trade with other countries. Russia also wants all of the sanctions that were put on them dropped.

Graeme, who is a delegate from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, supports Ukraine and is sending humanitarian, economic, and military aid to the people of Ukraine. They also have strong trade relations with Ukraine. To solve the situation they think that Ukraine and Russia should have a meeting to discuss what is happening. The UAE agrees and said in an interview that Russia and Ukraine should "take in a neutral space."

In an interview with Armaan who is in 8th grade and gets Unionville College, and is the delegation representing the United States of America it was expressed that the USA supports Ukraine and is sending millions of dollars in aid to Ukraine. They have no strong trade relations with either Ukraine or Russia. To put an end to the crisis they believe that there should be a ceasefire, put more sanctions on Russia and send more aid to Ukraine.

In an interview with Catherine who is in 8th grade and goes to Farmington Valley Academy Montessori School. She is a delegate for the People's Republic of China. They are currently identifying as neutral and have trade relations with both Ukraine and Russia. They

believe that to end this crisis there must be peace negotiations for a cease fire. Emilie who attends Montessori Academy of London is in 7th grade and is a delegate for Mozambique. Currently, Mozambique is neutral, and is sending no aid. Emilie said that the "UN should monitor Russian elections."

In an interview with Sara, who is a delegate for the Republic of France and is in 8th grade and goes to Comunidad Educative Leon Felipe, she expressed that she supports Ukraine and is sending aid, and has strong trade relations with Ukraine. To resolve the conflict she wants a ceasefire and a formal discussion.

In an interview with Sebastian who is in 7th grade and is a delegate for Ghana, he shared support for Ukraine. Both Ukraine and Russia import fertilizer to them which is very big for their country. To resolve the conflict they want to "squeeze Russia" so they cannot fund the war. Ayden, who goes to Montessori Academy of London, is in 7th grade, is a delegate of Gabon and supports Ukraine. He sends some aid. He also has strong trade relations with both, but Ukraine has more trade with Gabon. In an interview with Blinda who is in 8th Grade and goes to Richmond Montessori, it was expressed that she is neutral. She has condemned Russia's actions, though she does not send any aid. She has no trade with either of them.

Many of the delegates have shown support for Ukraine or are neutral. Other delegates have shown concern over this war turning into a nuclear war and Russia's veto power. The delegates have also discussed sending Peacekeeping missions to Ukraine. They also want to show more public support for the situation in Ukraine. To do this they want to do things like peaceful protests, social media, and press conferences. There are many possible solutions and ideas to help with the war in Ukraine.