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As the war between Ukraine and Russia increasingly turns into the extermination of each other's peoples and economies, it's increasingly likely that the outcome will be the economic regression of both countries. At the same time, this conflict has a global impact. The loss of fertilizers, wheat, pork, and fuel threatens hunger in the most economically under-developed countries and economic recession in developed countries.

Moreover, recent press reports and statements by high-ranking politicians and military officers have shifted the public discourse away from the pursuit of an immediate ceasefire, and towards moral preparation for an inevitable global conflict.

The AUUC is strongly convinced that Canada must make all possible efforts to help avoid such an inhumane and disastrous outcome.

It is unlikely that either Ukraine or Russia will be able to get a decisive victory in this war, which has already cost hundreds of thousands of lives. Therefore, both sides must look for compromise. Given this, we call on the Government of Canada, through the United Nations General Assembly, to take the initiative to seek a compromise that is viable and acceptable to both sides.

Such a compromise can be achieved by the creation of another independent Ukrainian state on the territories currently under Russian control. We call for the creation of a demilitarized zone between the two Ukrainian countries to be operated and monitored by UN Peacekeepers. Furthermore, we call for the removal of all foreign military presence in both Ukrainian countries, and that both be subject to armament limitations and inspections.

We believe this proposal can be acceptable to Russia because this new state would not be under control of the current Ukrainian government and NATO's missiles will not be installed there. It can also be acceptable to Ukraine because the new territory will still be a Ukrainian country, and its freedom and independence can be maintained.

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