

International Human Rights Association of American Minorities (IHRAAM)

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The International Human Rights Association of American Minorities has the honour to formulate some comments and recommendations on the situation in Ukraine.

We believe that pursuant to the UN Charter the priority of the Security Council, General Assembly, and also this Council, is to promote peace, and when peace has been broken, the priority must be to seek a negotiated end to hostilities, a cease fire, a quid pro quo.

We believe that the escalation spiral poses an existential threat to the planet. This is not a conflict that can be localized in Europe. It impacts food security, access to affordable energy, global health, world trade.

We urge the Council to abandon the sterile blaming game and pursue a policy of mediation as that offered by Turkey in March.

Many diplomats and scholars warned about NATO expansion as a threat to international peace and security for purposes of articles 2(4) and 39 of the UN Charter. George F. Kennan, Jack Matlock, Professors John Mearsheimer, Jeffrey Sachs, Richard Falk and many others.

There will be no winners in this criminal war. IHRAAM condemns the Russian invasion of Ukraine as it also condemns the Ukrainian failure to implement the 2014 and 2015 Minsk agreements, which would have enabled a modus vivendi.

Billions of Latin Americans, Africans and Asians watch this war with increasing worry, because any nuclear conflagration would affect them too. There is such a thing as a sense for proportions, and there is no justification to continue a war expecting victory. An imperfect peace is preferable to a continuation of the killing.

We thank you for your attention.