

Motion to Support Ukraine and Condemn Putin's Aggression

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This Union notes:

- That the EuroMaidan protests led to the legitimate transfer of power from the Yanukovich regime to the newly elected transitional government
- That instead of respecting Ukrainian sovereignty, Putin has responded to this transition by invading and annexing Crimea
- That the Crimean referendum occurred under a foreign military occupation, and did not include an option to remain a territory of Ukraine
- That Crimean tartars and ethnic Ukrainians in Crimea have faced discrimination from Russia in the past, and are likely to face discrimination as a result of Putin's influence in Crimea
- That the United States and the European Union have condemned the Crimean referendum as illegitimate
- That the United States and the European Union have imposed constructive sanctions upon Russia

This Union Believes:

- That the Russian invasion and annexation of Crimea is illegitimate and unjustly violates Ukrainian sovereignty
- That the presence of Russian troops in Crimea threatens broader regional and national stability
- That in order to uphold its commitment to the LSE Ethics code, the LSE should not fund, or benefit from the support of, a regime which callously violates the borders of its neighbors

This Union Resolves:

- To instruct the General Secretary to issue a statement, on behalf of the Student Union, supporting Ukrainian sovereignty and condemning the illegitimate annexation of Crimea
- To instruct the General Secretary to investigate and prepare a report upon LSE investments in, and donations from, pro-Putin organizations and Russian state owned corporations
- For such a report to be brought forth to the school's Court of Governor's meeting no later than July 3rd, 2014

Passed 20.3.2014

Yes: 192

No: 48

Undecided: 25