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Ukraine in Turmoil  
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#### Crisis Committee Application Questions 2014

##### 1. What is your past Model UN experience?

I have been part of my school's MUN club since 2013. I represented Jamaica in the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in my school's MUN club in 2013. This year I represented Pakistan in the Third Commission of the General Assembly, which deals with humanitarian and social affairs, I received the prize for outstanding delegation, in this year's edition.

##### 2. What interests you about the Ukrainian crisis?

What mainly interest me about this entire Ukrainian crisis is how Ukraine has turned into a battlefield, and how so many people have died because of this. Something else that grabs my attention about this crisis is the fact that the people of Ukraine haven't been able or allowed to express their voices, how it is actually countries like Russia and the West that are deciding Ukraine's future, without allowing the people of Ukraine to decide their own future.

##### 3. What are some of the major factors that influence Ukraine's relationships with both the West and Russia?

Some of the factors that influence Ukraine's relationship with the West are that Ukraine has wanted to join NATO and the EU and has considered Euro-Atlantic integration as its primary foreign policy objective. Now with Russia there are a couple factors. First, there are many people of Ukraine of Russian ethnicity, especially in the Eastern region of Ukraine and the Crimean Peninsula. Second, several gas pipelines from Russia that power Western Europe, run through Ukraine. Third, Russia and Ukraine have agreements in which there would be a Russian lease on naval facilities in Crimea, like the city of Sevastopol, in exchange for a discount in natural gas from Russia.

##### 4. The annexation of Crimea-justifiable or a crime? Why? Be concise, be specific.

I really think that the annexation of Crimea is justifiable. The reason why I believe this is because the people of Crimea are largely pro-Russian and they did not agree with the new government. I also believe this because these people were allowed to vote whether or not they wanted to be part of Russia, so that for me makes it justifiable. It would be a crime for me if Russia would have taken over Crimea, but that wasn't the case.