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Ukraine in Turmoil

1. What is your past Model UN experience?

2. What interests you about the Ukrainian crisis?

3. What are some of the major factors that influence Ukraine’s relationship with both the West

and with Russia?

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

1. I have been a member of my schools Model United Nations club since freshman year. I have attended each Princeton conference for the past three years. I have also been to Yale MUN as well. I have won honorable mention, and verbal accommodation in two different specialized committees.

2. The Ukraine crisis is an apparent issue in today's global situation. My greatest interest in the committee is to better educate myself, and prepare myself to educate others. I am fairly involved with the world's current events, and plan on potentially being a foreign affairs major in college. As an Iranian, I understand what it is like to have many different global opinions on your country. Currently, I am most interested in the difference between what actually has happened, and how the media is portraying the truth.

3. One of the reasons why the crisis began, was when Ukraine failed to sign an agreement with the rest of Europe (not Russia), on international trading. After Ukraine began to only work with Russia, the people began to protest. Another factor that influences Ukraine's relationship is that not everyone has the same opinion. Many of the citizens of Ukraine side with Russia, and many side with the rest of western Europe. Another factor that influences the peoples' opinion is who is giving who aid. People tend to side with whichever organization/country provides the most aid. Lastly, after the annexation of Crimea, Pro-Russian rebels and anti-russians have polarized the issue.

4. I do not think that the annexation of Crimea was justifiable. Taking over a land with brute force is only a catalyst fir war, and should not be viewed as an appropriate measure. Proper transparent politics and diplomacy should be required.