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CRISIS COMMITTEE APPLICATION

**My topic: Ukraine in Turmoil**

1. What is your past Model UN experience?

This is my first time participating in Model UN.

1. What interests you about the Ukrainian crisis?

Observing the current status of Warsaw Treaty Organization’s former member countries, such as Georgia, Estonia, Lithuania, Moldova and Latvia, etc, it is interesting to find that their decisions of segregating from their previous system and joining the North Atlantic Treaty Organization do not in fact bring large benefits as they once expected as identical to the Western countries, whether in politics, economics, or military. That being the case, today’s Ukraine still insists in extricating itself from Warsaw system and determined to join NATO. This paradoxical choice Ukraine makes fascinates me.

1. What are some of the major factors that influence Ukraine’s relationship with both the West and with Russia? Ukraine’s politics, economics and military systems are chronically constrained by Russia (and former Soviet Union) system, preventing the country from developing or adapting to modern world, which aggravates the disparities among Ukraine with its adjacent countries, western world and America.

Throughout history, Russia always tends to fit Ukraine into its own framework, pushing Ukraine to absolute obedience, by constant suppress from various aspects. For instance, Russian restraints on Ukraine’s politics thwarted Ukraine’s self-development, resulting in the referendum of joining NATO. Economically, Russia obstructed Ukraine’s evolution in financial system and limited its energy delivery. In military, Ukraine’s is forbidden by Russia to introduce or consolidate military force.

Other factors include historical enmity, cultural conflicts and religious divisions.

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

Russia’s intention to annexation of Crimea is unjust. Its aim of annexing Crimea is to protect its only ice-free port in south and to utilize Crimea as a trade route to outer economics and military. Historically Ukraine owns Crimea as a sovereign nation, so that annexation of Crimea by any type of enforcement is a crime.