**Position Paper (United Nations General Assembly)**

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**Topic/Agenda – Assessing Effectiveness of Sanctions**

“He who knows how to flatter, also knows how to slander”

Sanctions were made with the intention to safeguard international peace and security and as a peaceful consequence by the UN for breaking the international treaties. There are various types of sanctions, from countries revoking trades, prohibiting certain citizens to travel to their country or even as simple as removing diplomatic relations. Sanctions have not only affected the country on which the sanction is imposed but also the country which imposes sanctions. Even if the UN imposes a sanction, it’s upon the countries personal decision if they want to follow it. This can be seen in the Russo – Ukraine war in which India refused to participate in the sanction and there was global economic disruption.

The counter to sanctions in Russia is the Federal Law or the Counter Sanctions Law which utilises Russia and its allies to put on a sanction on the countries with unfriendly approach. This provides a legal basis to retaliate. This sanction imposed by Russia includes, financial measures, Visa restrictions, Trade restrictions, etc. This law was first imposed on USA in 2018 in response to USA and its allies implementing severe sanctions on Russia since 2014 and before imposing this law, Russia had sent a letter warning that these actions will have consequences. This is an example of how the intentions of implementing sanctions have drifted away from protecting international security and peace. Sanctions were used to revoke diplomatic relations; however, USA has been utilising this as an opportunity to further strengthen diplomatic relations.

Russia proposes that all the sanctions should be controlled by the UN to prevent undefined use and the UN to provide more specific objectives and guidelines to the implementation of sanctions to keep its sanctity intact. Even when a sanction is imposed on a country, the country should be allowed to promote itself as to make it fair for all.

Thank You.

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