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Excellencies,

Further to the information provided by our Embassies in your capitals, we would like to elaborate on our initiative of adopting the Declaration of like-minded countries on current state of world affairs.

Attachment

We all witnessed how the latest resolution of the General Assembly on Ukraine was adopted. Western states blatantly violated the procedures of the General Assembly with the help of its President in order to push the outcome they needed. Without any constraint, they applied pressure and blackmail on developing countries to make them vote "in the right way". By doing so, they divided and polarized the international community and put under threat the basic norms of intergovernmental relations and dialogue.

By escalating tensions in multilateral institutions and fuelling conflict in Ukraine, Western countries completely ignore the legitimate interests of the developing world. We understand that the Global South does not want to be involved in the conflict and bear consequences

To Permanent Representatives
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of unilateral sanctions or diversion of humanitarian efforts from countries in need towards Ukraine.

In order to draw attention to the interests of developing countries and to promote non-divisive agenda in international relations, we propose to adopt the Declaration of like-minded countries.

We see it as a standalone informal document not related to any group or event and open to all interested parties. The idea is to recall a number of principles that prioritize peaceful settlement of differences, protect international law, indivisible security and sovereign equality of states. The draft that we share with you is "food for thought" that may be complemented with edits and proposals by all interested states.

We hope that your country as an independent and sovereign member of the international community will consider joining this document. We would appreciate information on your position on the proposed Declaration and contact details of your focal person by 2 November.

The focal person of the Russian Permanent Mission is Mr. Rodion Grudinsky, tel. +1 (347) 654-70-05, e-mail: rgrudinsky@gmail.com.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Vassily Nebenzia

Declaration of like-minded countries on current state of world affairs

In the light of unprecedented polarization of the international community and dangerous accumulation of problems which threaten international peace and security and risk to undermine prospects of international development and cooperation we call on all our international partners to support the following principles:

- non-promotion of divisive agenda in international organizations, first and foremost in the United Nations;
- refraining from forcing UN member-states to take sides in the context of Ukrainian crisis;
- inadmissibility of selective prioritization of certain crisis situations on the UN agenda over the others, including in Africa, Asia and the Middle East,
- ensuring that food products and fertilizers exported from Russia, Ukraine and Belarus are directed mainly to the developing countries in need;
- promotion of diplomatic means and efforts for the resolution of acute international crises, including the one around Ukraine;
- inadmissibility of third parties' involvement in conflicts which heightens the risk of their aggravation;
- inadmissibility of interfering and meddling into the internal affairs of sovereign states;
- inadmissibility of a new "Cold War";
- respect for the interests of developing states and inadmissibility of them becoming a "war field" for the geostrategic competition of major players;
- promotion of a dialogue of key international players aimed at the establishment of a fair, equal, sustainable, inclusive and indivisible international security architecture capable of prevention of wars and crisis situations.