

*Forum: General Assembly Fourth Committee*

*Delegate of: Arab Republic of Egypt*

*Issues of: Constructing a Legal Structure for Regions Seeking to Gain Sovereignty and Reach Independence, Border Disputes between Ukraine and Russia.*

Good Afternoon Distinguished Delegates and Honorable Chairs,

The delegate of the Arab Republic of Egypt and other delegates have gathered here today to discuss and devise feasible solutions to the pressing issue of border disputes between Russia and Ukraine and the issue of constructing a legal structure for regions seeking to gain sovereignty and reach independence, a topic appearing seemingly far too late on the General Assembly agenda. The delegate of Egypt is honored to be here today, helping to come up with feasible and long term solutions to the aforementioned conflicts. Representing a key player in African and Arab politics, the delegate of Egypt seeks to propose resolutions which are functional and effective, understanding the volatility of the two issues at hand, as well as solutions that will benefit the trade and international relations between Egypt and the countries at hand. As such, the delegate of Egypt is more than willing to take upon a leadership role in resolving the issues on the agenda. However, it must be noted that the delegate of Egypt will not tolerate a resolution that will violate the sovereignty of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

In regards to the issue of border disputes between Russia and Ukraine, the delegate of Egypt, representing a major trade partner of both Russia and Ukraine, emphasizes Egypt's concern over the sovereignty and safety of the citizens, especially in Eastern Ukraine and Crimea. Additionally, the delegate would like to remind the delegate of the Russian Federation that Russia is a signatory of the Budapest Conventions, meaning that the territorial sovereignty and independence of Ukraine must be recognized unconditionally by the Russian government. Nevertheless, the delegate strongly denounces the violent matter in which the issue has been handled to this date, as well as the failure of the Ukrainian and Russian authorities to reach a diplomatic conclusion. In order to tackle this issue, the delegate encourages the resumption of the diplomatic talks between the two parties. Additionally, the delegate recommends that the international body, especially the EU, return to taking steps in integrating Ukraine in the western society. The delegate also suggests that the violations of rights and sovereignty performed are chastised, nonetheless respecting the fact that the choice of the regions of Ukraine in question was legitimate.

As for the issue of issue of constructing a legal structure for regions seeking to gain sovereignty and reach independence, the delegate of Egypt takes a more conservative stance, fully supporting the right to independence and sovereignty, however in light of recent improvements in Egypt's relations with other regional states, the delegate of Egypt strongly denounces the violence and continued onslaught of civilians as a result of tensions between all countries seeking secession and countries that they are seceding from. The delegate once again emphasizes the need for a diplomatic resolution. In order to resolve the issue, the delegate suggests that certain points of the Atlantic charter are upheld by member states. Furthermore, the delegate recommends the provision of a mediator between a country or a region seceding from that country, providing for a more diplomatic and peaceful negotiation, such as Egypt has done in the question of the Palestinian and Israeli conflict. Lastly, the delegate recommends not only the positive approach towards accepting

the statehood of seceded regions, but also the need for a more structured and democratic process of obtaining independence.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the issues at hand today pose a great risk to the future of international co-operation and the future development of democracy, sovereignty and the values established in the United Nations charter. As such, the delegate of Egypt hopes that feasible, long term and democratic solutions are reached throughout the course of this conference.

Thank you.