

Explanation of Vote by Ambassador Fu Cong on the UN Security Council Draft Resolution on the Ukraine Issue

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Colleagues,

The way China cast its votes on the US resolution, as well as amendments from the UK, Russia, and other countries, reflects our consistent principles and propositions on the Ukraine issue. At present, when the Ukraine issue is at a critical juncture for a negotiated settlement, we expect the international community to create a favorable atmosphere for promoting a political solution to the crisis. We expect the United Nations and the Security Council to play a constructive role in forging consensus for peace among member states, and we expect the actions of the Council to further the call for peace by promoting peace talks.

The ultimate resolution of any conflict lies at the negotiation table. As we speak, the call for a negotiated settlement of the Ukraine issue is constantly on the rise, and the window for peace is opening. Complex problems hardly have simple solutions. Although the parties' positions may not be aligned, dialogue is still better than confrontation, and talks are better than fights. China supports all efforts dedicated to peace. China supports the US-Russia agreement to start peace talks. China expects all parties and stakeholders to participate in the peace talks at an appropriate time, so as to find a just and lasting solution that takes into account each other's concerns and to reach a binding peace agreement acceptable to all parties concerned. As the fighting is taking place on European soil, Europe ought to play its part for peace, to jointly address the root causes of the crisis, and to find a balanced, effective, and sustainable security framework, so as to achieve long-term security and stability on the European continent.

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China's positions on the Ukraine issue are as objective and fair as they are rational and pragmatic. China has always advocated for an early and peaceful resolution of the crisis, has always actively promoted peace talks in accordance with the four shoulds proposed by President Xi Jinping, and has always emphasized that the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries should be respected, that the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations should be adhered to, that the legitimate security concerns of all parties should be taken seriously, and that all efforts for peace should be supported. China has sent its special envoy to actively engage in diplomatic mediation, has maintained contacts with the parties concerned, including Russia and Ukraine, and has also partnered with Brazil and other countries in creating the Group of Friends for Peace, thus constituting an important force for supporting and promoting peace. China stands ready to continue to play a constructive role in the political settlement of the crisis at the request of the parties concerned, taking into consideration the concerns of the international community, especially those of the Global South.



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