

**COMMITTEE**: North Atlantic Treaty Organization

**COUNTRY:** Canada

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As one of the major military powers of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Canada has and will always be in favor of the people's well being equally, which can be observed throughout the history of our great land. In the situation of Ukraine and Russia, it is clearly safe to say that those in need, regardless of their assigned citizenship but mostly Ukrainians who lost their belongings, will be able to get our international help of any kind. Therefore it is very safe to say that our great nation is with Ukraine whenever they need it. Canada also is also showing its support to Ukraine in the conflict through various social platforms or diplomatic councils. The help we are to make is directly -or indirectly- targeting to reach all the people who were affected by the crisis, which is 15.7 million by the reports of United Nations Foundation.

Even though the great republic of Canada donates multiple military equipment, we also are ready to support Ukraine in cultural and humanitarian ways too. Canada is the first country to allow homosexual marriage without the need of a residency and is the most gay-friendly country in the Americas according to Gay Travel Index. Ukraine has started using an army uniform that contains a unicorn emblazoned on it to represent the Ukrainian LGBTQ+ community. On the other hand, Russia "journalists, activists and gay rights advocates." who could be "killed" or "sent to camps" after the invasion of Ukraine as the US representative of OHCHR claimed in a letter. Because of all of these, we are ready to promote LGBTQ+ supportive campaigns in Ukraine and the region of conflict. We are also planning on hosting more Ukrainian refugees in 3 years. Canada is welcoming refugees by providing financial support and temporary jobs.

As there are issues that have not been solved yet, our government is constantly looking forward to investigating the conflict area and hosting more people from the conflict. Nevertheless, unexpected problems may pop up because of the geo-political location of our mainland. Canada is located in North America which is separated from Europe by the Atlantic Ocean. This situation makes the connection, of course, insufficient. Nevertheless we are very well aware that this is not an excuse to use power for irrelevant purposes rather than actual problems. Therefore we are aiming to raise awareness in every way we can, mainly by suggesting and signing agreements or putting on.

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