

Urgent Statement on Russo-Ukrainian Crisis

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Regarding urgent apprehensive Russo-Ukrainian Crisis, our ELFO (Earth-Loving Friendly Association), President of which is Hon. Prof. Rikio Kaneko, announced its STATEMENT of general form in February 10, 2022 as mentioned in P.S.

Today I come here to state additionally from religious and ethical view-points in an act of respect, solidarity and sensitivity to preside over my statement to the brothers of all diplomacy and media supremacy.

Ethics and religiosity are allies for a peaceful life. But if Russo-Ukrainian crisis continues as it is, or war breaks out, not only material values, but also ethics and religiosity of human beings will be damaged considerably.

I expect much, therefore, from the efforts of the brothers of diplomacy and media supremacy the development and the conjunctive interests in pacifying the peace between Ukraine and Russia. This crisis is very worrying and is emotionally shaking all the nations, among others, that are allied with Russia and Ukraine in the world economy.

This leads to the question I share with you: is it possible to please God by oppressing others? In my view, the sense of religiosity and ethics go in the same direction. Or is there any religion or ethics that encourages killing, stealing, coveting, lying or feeling superior to another?

Normal religious and ethical sense demands harmony, respect, love, good, beauty, peace, friendship, and rule of law, neither war nor self-righteousness, avoiding worst scenario of river of blood.

Respect for others and for the law is crucial for us to live in a more inclusive society. Religious intolerance, racism, all kinds of abuse, cruelty to animals, therefore, go against the basic principles of divine, ethical or material laws.

Respect and love are the key to a good life. When we plant something good, even if we are not seeing it, it is there forming its roots, and blooms in its own time or “in God's time”.

From bottom of heart, representing the Religion and Ethics Council, I wish that Russo-Ukrainian crisis be settled peacefully, not by war.

P.S. In February 10, 2022 the General Assembly of the ELFO adopted the following Statement unanimously.

ELFO Statement on Russo-Ukrainian Crisis

1. We the ELFO (Earth-Loving Friendly Organization) are very apprehensive of the current Russo-Ukrainian crisis because it causes world-wide confrontation. From the bottom of our heart, we ELFO wish that these problems be settled peacefully.

2. We expect that conflicting parties make utmost efforts to settle Russo-Ukrainian crisis by peaceful means provided for in the UN Charter, Article 33, including judicial settlement even partly.

3. The parties will neither use warlike words nor threaten other parties with use of force which the UN Charter provides for clearly. (Art. 2, Para.4)

4. Our ELFO is of opinion that an UN Member-State may use armed forces only in 2 cases, firstly, if an armed attack occurs against a Member, and secondly, when the UN recognizes use of armed forces by a Member.

5. Both of the parties shall not increase armaments near the border along opponents' States, rather reduce them unilaterally or by agreement.

6. We ELFO wishes that conflicting parties observe truce agreement strictly, and if it is violated frequently, they invite international supervisory organization.

7. Along the border concerned the interested parties will establish mutual demilitarized zone, which will be widened with lapse of time.

8. More or less will be necessary mutual compromise. If it is difficult for the parties to achieve it, the ELFO proposes to create a fair commission for it.

9. Parties will promise in advance that they will never use any kind of nuclear weapons in case conflicts grow into military conflicts or war.