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Sweden is located in Northern Europe on the Scandinavian Peninsula. Agriculture, foresty and fishing are the livehood sources of Sweden. The education system is often regarded as one of the best in the world, thanks to its high academic standards. Furthermore, Sweden’s healthcare services are good as well, it is publicly founded, has high-quality, equitable care. Sweden has a population of 10.54 million and it has one of the best ranked military services in Europe.

The Russia-Ukraine war has two main reasons which are geopolitical tensions and territorial disputes. Geopolitical tensions arose from Russia not wanting Ukraine to grow ties with western organizations. Territorial disputes broke out due to Russia seeking control over regions in Ukraine. Sweden has strongly supported Ukraine in the Russia-Ukraine war by providing military aid, human assistance and backing international sanctions against Russia. The conflict has led Sweden to shift its security policy, resulting in a formal application for NATO membership. The war has prompted Sweden to emphasize dependence on international law regarding the use of weapons, supporting protection of civilians and the prohibition of random or unlawful use of force under international humanitarian law.

Sweden suggests that UN should hold peace talks so the two countries can talk about their problems, understand each other’s demands with the help of other countries. Thus there can be a peace treaty. It is also important that the United Nations, as a third party in international mediation, can try to resolve the conflict peacefully. These meetings should result in a ceasefire declaration. Economic sanctions can be imposed in international markets. The parties can be pressured diplomatically. International law should regulate disarmament agreements. The United Nations can send an international peacekeeping force. Through the media, the public can pressure the government to stop the war. We call for action to stop the war and Sweden is ready to act as mediator to resolve the conflict.

References: United Nations, Cia World Fact Book, Embassies Worldwide, BBC World, The Economist and International Crisis Group.