

# The Solution to the Most Fals Conflict in History

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How many examples we have in history when a state "decides" to protect another territory that from a given point in time on puts its external defense on the hands of that "protector"!

We can see Zanzibar, Swaziland and Brunei as the most recent cases.

You would say they are very small territories with few inhabitants!!

What about Cambodia, Tunisia, Marocco as the most recent French protectorates?

Prior to disserting on how this figure of the international law can help to solve the war in Ukraine, let's make a step back!

What is a protectorate like?

According to a short definition of Wilkipedia, it is a state or territory protected by a nother state which reserves the right to fully represent its personality under international law.

The protected state retains its autonomy to a certain extent with regard to internal affairs and is not a possession of the protecting state (this happens if the territory/state becomes a colony).

The protector undertakes to protect its interests by managing its foreign affairs, organizing its defense and carrying out its political influence.

This is the classical definition but in consideration of the peculiarities of the story of the conflict and populations of the territories concerned, that is Donbass, some appropriate and "original" adjustments should be made in order to meet the claims from the Countries at war, Russia and Ukraine and to understand them better a very brief reminder would be appropriate.

Here I will not describe the milestones of the conflict, but I will limit myself to remind the situation before the outbreak of the war in February 2022.

At that time in the East of Ukraine, in the Donbass, there were from 2014 two self-declared independent republics, Lugansk and Donesk, where there was ongoing an armed conflict between these republics and the central government of Ukraine that aimed at putting them under its full control again.

In the disputed territories the vast majority of the inhabitants were ethnic Russians.

The present situation sees Ukraine supported from Western Countries with continuous sendings of weapons and economic sanctions imposed to Russia and on the other and Russia that avails oneself of the strong neutrality of great nations like China and India, among others.

That's the point at July 2023 and out of it I wouldn't go since some could think of some leanings of the writer that as a matter of fact tries to be as impartial as possible in proposing the following potential solution to this stupid war that is affecting all the world.

Let's kickstart and let's do it from scratch.

Crimea should be left to Russia, even if it isn't internationally recognized by many Countries, and be taken as a past dispute considering also the majority of ethnic Russians.

The core of my proposal is the figure of protectorate edited with some new features.

Here they are.

The territories disputed should be returned to Ukraine that would have them within its internal jurisdiction, that is all affairs deploying within its boundaries should be regulated by the domestic law.

The Defence and the commercial relationships with foreign countries should be left to Russia's protections and influence.

All of this brings about some issues such as the sharing of resources coming from those territories that could lead to new tensions and conflicts between Ukraine and Russia.

The treaty, from which this new form of protectorate would result, should provide a fair and agreed-upon percent allocation of the tax revenues deriving from Donbass' territories, based on the prerequisite that the execution of the respective affairs, both internal and external, requires activities to be funded.

This allocation could take into account even the compensation for war damages, but its inclusion or not is left to the diplomacy, international and of the two countries.

This solution is but temporary and has the value of an "armistice" just to end the atrocities of a war that hardly would finish with a military solution.

Once this treaty is signed, the parties should agree to a final date (10/15 years to come) when a referendum recognized and monitored internationally should take place.

If the peace is the real goal of the contenders, this solution is very important and feasible since it considers and meets the requirements from both the nations at war.

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