



Country: United Kingdom of Britain and North Ireland

Topic: Islamic state in Iraq and Syria

The United Kingdom has granted aid to help the people of Syria, Iraq and Gaza. The response to the crisis in Syria is the single biggest humanitarian response in British history. IS has directly threatened the United Kingdom both in terms of recruitment and as a potential target for attack

British military action against IS in both Iraq and Syria is supported under international law by the fundamental principle of self - defence: collectively, at the request of Iraq; and, individually, to protect British nationals held hostage by the group. A motion has been passed in the UK and recognises the request from the government of Iraq for military support and specific request to the Government of UK. The government endorses UK air strikes against ISIS in Iraq and excludes ground combat operations and operation in Syria.

The coalition does not legally require consent from Syrian President Bashar al-Assad because Syria, the host state, has demonstrated an unwillingness and inability to repress the terrorist actions emanating from its territory that continue to threaten Iraq.

Topic: Territorial integrity of the former soviet republics

The United Kingdom believes that the Russian Federation's military adventurism would further escalate the tension and would like Russia to re-evaluate its actions and seek a peaceful resolution. The United Kingdom would like to see a stable, prosperous and unified Ukraine able to determine its own future free from external pressure or interference. The delegate of United Kingdom reiterates the fact that it is vital to uphold the international law and the UN charter and treaties need to be honoured. Diplomatic, political and economic pressures have been placed on Russia to send a "clear message" however no military actions will be taken. This was evident in the sanctions implemented in response to Russia's illegal annexation of Crimea and the interventionist policies in Eastern Ukraine. The UK government continues to keep its economic engagement with Russia under close review and condemns any action against Ukraine or any former Soviet Union country.