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Current Affairs

Part II

Question 02

I. Introduction to US-Russia negotiation on Ukraine :

The recent meeting between the POTUS and Putin on the issue of Russia-Ukraine war is critical, the meeting has increased the chances of success, because POTUS pressurized Putin in Alaska for the peace talks on Ukraine-Russia war. President Trump has called for a meeting between the two country for the peace. Moscow concerns for the peace is not highly influential, the conditions for the peace from both sides are not acceptable to both countries. While practical strategies require to sort out the solution for dangerous war.

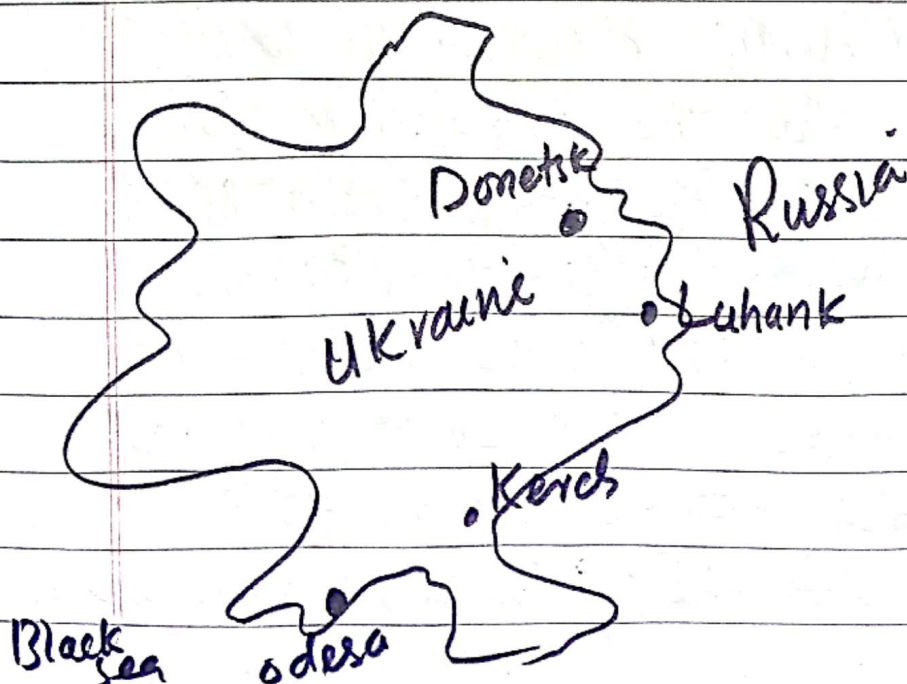
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that is going for several years.

II Russia-Ukraine war:

The war has been started since the independence of Ukraine. In 2008, the annexation of Georgia, 2014 has seen the annexation of Crimea and the 2022 attack of Russia on Ukraine further escalated the war and made it more dangerous at regional and international level. Furthermore, the recent capturing of Donetsk, Luhansk and Kherson oblasts created most tense situation between the two nations.



III Chances of Success of US-Russia negotiations on Ukraine :

President Donald Trump raises concern on Russia-Ukraine war. Therefore, he step in the negotiation process with Russia to pressurize Russia for peace and end the war. Both the leader, Putin and Donald Trump, met at Alaska on 15 August 2022 to negotiate on the war future. Donald Trump peaceful behavior to convince Russia on peace without conditions, however, Putin attitude and demand for conditions to accept made the chances for success bleak and vague. Putin constant refusal of NATO supply to Ukraine, the annexation of the cities of Ukraine with Russia, demonstrated the unsuccessful nature of the negotiation. Hence, there is a weak perception that peace

will prevail and war will end.

① Russia attitude: A critical evaluation

Russia is still advancing mass striking and harsh attitude degraded the chances of success in negotiation. Putin conditional peace desire further vague the situation.

② United states: Economic sanction upon Russian reduce chances of success.

The Hegemonic attitude of US president and its policies reduces the chances of success toward peace. US has imposed severe sanction on Russians economy escalated the war situation.

Moreover, US support for Ukraine fades away the fruitful results of negotiation that held in Alaska on 28 August 2025.

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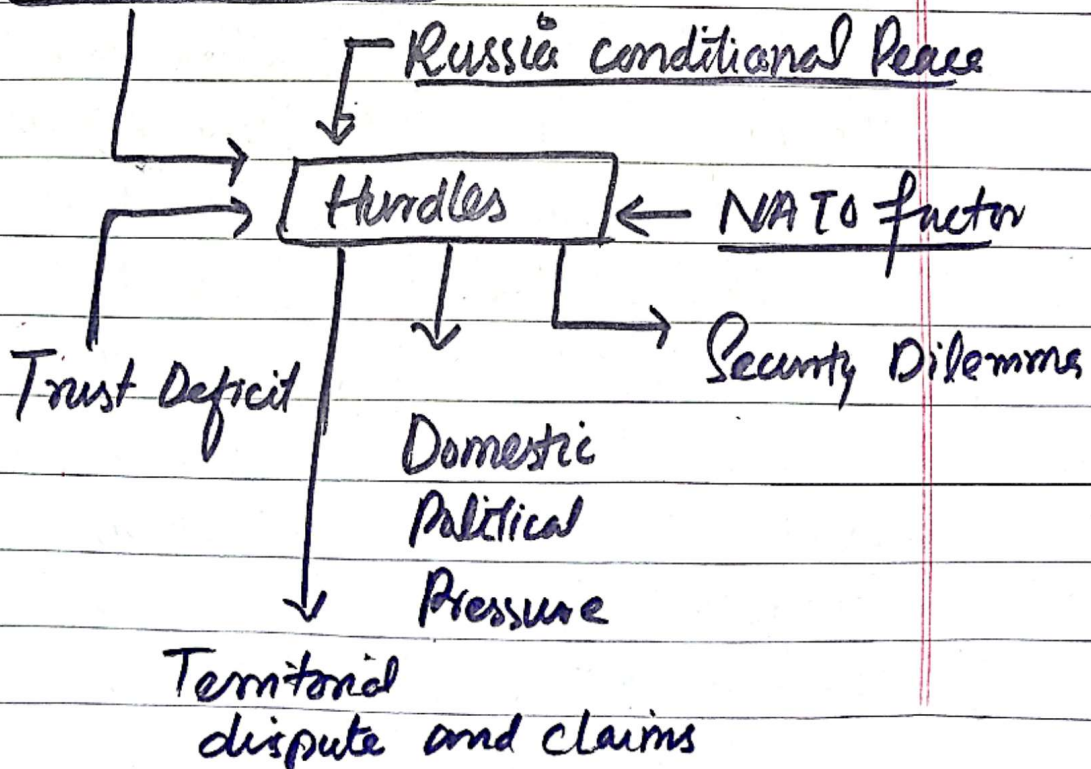
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③ NATO Support: Setback for negotiation of Peace:

A constant from NATO to Ukraine in terms of economy, military and strategic cooperation also reduces the chances of success. Russia is opposing NATO existence in its region, however, Ukraine friendship with NATO increases risk of war.

IV Key hurdles Blocking a deal:

Sanctions on Russia



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1. Sanction on Russia : A major hurdle pose threat to Peace

Russia is facing severe sanctions, complete blockade of economy hit Russia economy badly. Russia wants to release all the sanction first from it. While international community wants peace and unconditional agreement. However, Russia refuses repeatedly the proposal.

2. Russia Conditional Peace agreement demand :

Russia poses hurdles in the way of peace. In those hurdle, conditional peace agreement is on the top. Russia demands condition that Ukraine will not ask for annexed territories and will not join NATO. However, Ukraine does not agree on these conditions.

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3. Trust Deficit between both nations !

Both nations demands conditions for the peace, Russia wants that Ukraine should first accept our condition, while Ukraine demands Russia to withdraw troops.

4. Domestic political Pressure :

Domestic political pressure is also a factor of hurdle between the nations.

Putin does not want to surrender because of the fear of lose majority in the country and will face embarrassment at domestic level.

5. NATO factor & Ukraine desire to join

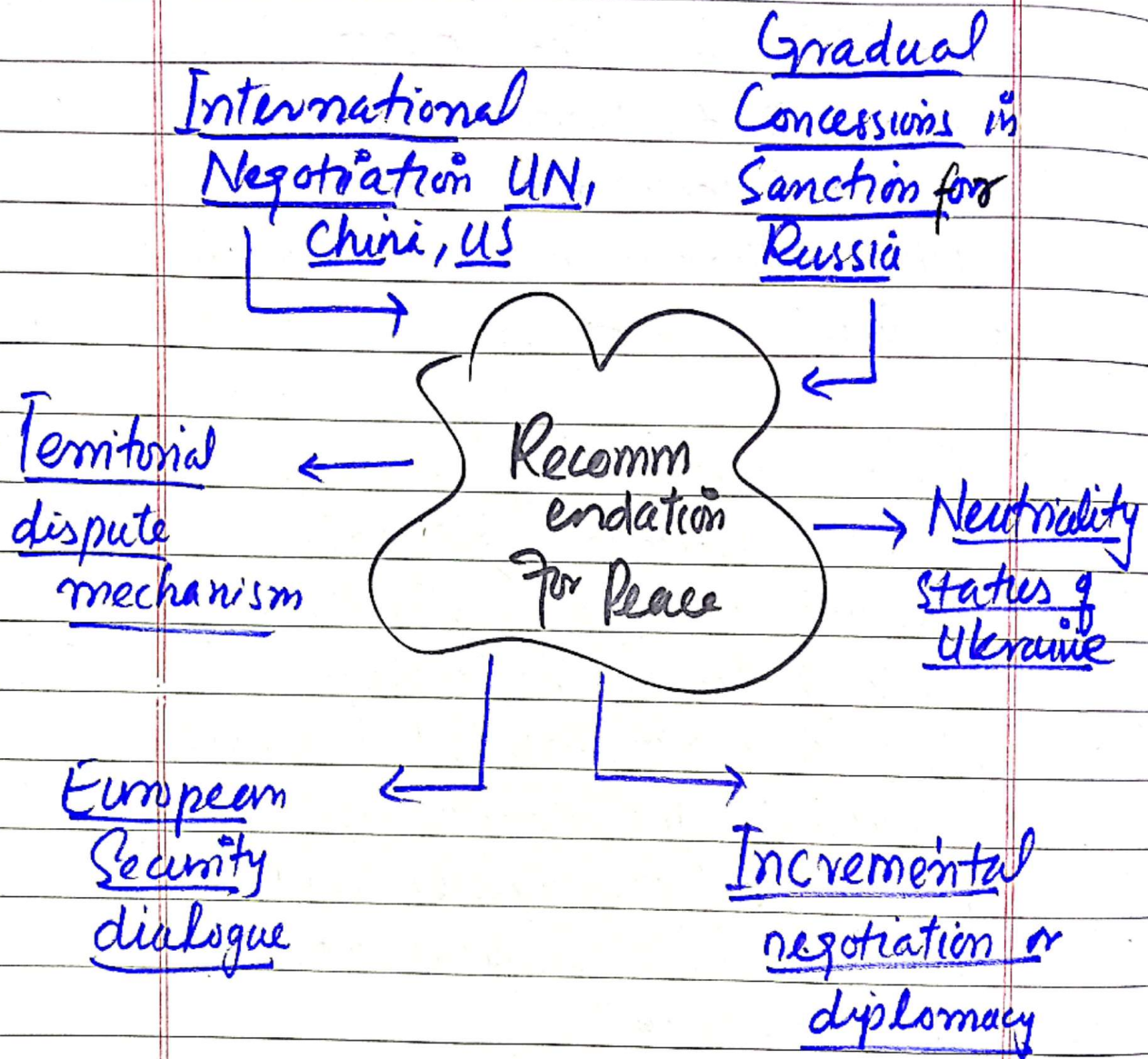
NATO :

Ukraine desire to join NATO, while Russia constant opposition, stuck the idea of peace.

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V Practical Recommendation to end the war between Russia and Ukraine :



①. International negotiation: UN, China, US Role

International negotiations is a more smooth process for the peace. International

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community can play role in ending the war. For instance the prestigious organization UN. can forward peace charter. Secondly US and China must pressure Russia for peace due to their international dominance.

2. Gradual concessions in Sanctions for Russia:

US should reduce imposition of sanction on Russia, not immediately but gradually to make Russia flexible and elastic toward peace.

3. Territorial dispute mechanism

International community plays role in territorial dispute China, Turkey and US follow a neutral mechanism for peace. Convince Russia to release the annexed territories.

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4. Incremental negotiation or diplomacy

Small steps should take such as prisoner exchange, grain export and agreements. This will ensure peace from root level.

5. Neutrality status of Ukraine i.e Finland and Austria model:

Adopt Finland Austria model of neutrality for Ukraine
Ukraine should withdraw the desire of joining of NATO.

