

R4 AM9: Protecting International Law Against Empires: to Infinity and Beyond

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Motion text

From line 9 to 11:

balance their influence, resulting in peace. However, reality is different: while superpowers ~~will~~may not engage in direct confrontation, they can still express violent imperialistic attitudes against their neighbours.

From line 25 to 29:

United States intensified sanctions against Cuba through “maximum pressure 2.0”, demonstrating how economic coercion ~~punishes sovereignty and constrains democratic choice~~worsens living conditions for a population already suffering under a communist dictatorship. Similarly, the kidnapping and extraterritorial detention of Venezuelan President and dictator Nicolás Maduro in 2026 highlights risks posed by unilateral interventions bypassing international legal processes.

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they allow selective application of international law and prioritise geopolitical interests over justice and accountability. Unfortunately, international law has always relied on imperialist superpowers to support and legitimize it, even though they did not see it as necessarily binding themselves. This was true for the bipolar system of the cold war and for the unipolar system after 1989, but it will not be in the multipolar order that we are approaching. Here, international law is not only broken, but used and shaped according to the interests of empires. That is why we need to find new ways for international law to be enforced justly and without the support of imperial powers.

From line 68 to 70:

exploration as humanity's escape route from ecological collapse. The belief that humans will be able to escape Earth before it becomes uninhabitable is ~~a betrayal of our role as~~ delusional. We advocate for humankind to act like a steward species.

Insert from line 84 to 85:

- Develop EU-technology, (explore the possibility of higher public ownership or control in these areas) including military capabilities to support a victory of Ukraine against the Russian invasion and to deter further Russian aggression in the future

Insert from line 91 to 92:

- unilateral organisation created with the only aim of challenging multilateral institutions and serving the personal interests of Donald Trump, even after his presidency

Insert after line 140:

- Advocate for the long term abolishment of capitalism and the nation state as imperialism is a consequence of their existence

Insert from line 148 to 149:

- Oppose private or undemocratic state monopolies in digital, technological, and space?related sectors and promote open, cooperative, and publicly accountable alternatives.

Reason

Adding some more nuance to the overall resolution.