Canada trolls Russia with mock edits to its proposed UN resolution on Ukraine

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In an extraordinary move, Canada has publicly mocked and derided Russia over its abandoned attempt to pass a United Nations resolution on the humanitarian situation in Ukraine.

Russia on Thursday canceled a UN Security Council vote on the resolution which had been scheduled for Friday, due to a lack of support from its closest allies, diplomats said.

But Canada’s UN mission did not back off. Instead, it posted to Twitter its supposed proposed changes to the Russian document — complete with text strikethroughs and red pen markings — in which it openly skewered Moscow for its invasion of its neighbor.

“Thank you @RussiaUN for your letter dated March 16,” the tweet said. “Please see our suggested edits below.”

For instance, to Russia’s opening statement about “the dire humanitarian situation in and around Ukraine,” Canada suggested adding: “which we have caused as a result of our illegal war of aggression.”

To the statement that Russia was “gravely concerned about [the situation’s] deterioration,” Canada offered to insert the word “not,” as “we are the primary cause.”

“Guided by this logic” becomes “Guided by zero logic.” Russia’s offer for “an action-oriented, depoliticized, balanced draft resolution, which makes equal demands to all parties concerned” is turned into “an absolutely craven and farcical draft resolution, which implicitly gives cover for our war of aggression and violations of international law.”

In later suggestions, Canada proposes Russia state that it has abused its UN veto power, inflicted suffering upon civilians, has little care for human life, and disdains the UN and other member states.

Dmitry Polyanskiy, Russia’s deputy permanent representative to the UN, tweeted in response: “Thank you @CanadaONU for this kindergarten-level Russophobic libel! It only shows that your diplomatic skills and good manners are at lowest ebb and gives an idea why your country’s bid for a non-permanent seat in #SecurityCouncil was voted down twice in 20yrs by UN membership.”