

URGENT CALL TO SECURITY COUNCIL AND MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO REQUEST

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additional members of the UN Security Council to support the US/UK resolution, and although France, China and Russia will probably VETO the resolution, the US will claim "a moral majority". Or the US will claim that under UN Security Council Resolution 1441 "serious consequences" as claimed by Powell is a code word for military invasion and thus that 1441 authorized military action. [as you know under the Convention of the Law of Treaties, language in international law must be interpreted in its ordinary meaning, and the ordinary meaning of "serious consequences" is not a military invasion.

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Along with many others, I am proposing a procedure that would demonstrate to the United States that the global community as represented in the UN General Assembly does not support the invasion of Iraq.

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I urge you to request an emergency General Assembly session evoking the 1950 "Uniting for Peace" resolution under the following provision: that if the UN Security Council fails to exercise its role under the Charter of the United Nations--to prevent the scourge of war--the UN General Assembly cannot absolve itself from fulfilling that role.

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And “. If not in session at the time, the General Assembly may meet in emergency special session within twenty-four hours of the request therefore. Such emergency special session shall be called if requested by the Security Council on the vote of any seven members, or by a majority of the Members of the United Nations” ;(Uniting for Peace, 1950)

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There is no doubt that the UNGA would support, with the required 2/3 majority, the continuation of the work of the inspectors, and would oppose a military invasion of Iraq. A strong vote from the UNGA would demonstrate clearly that the United States does not have the support of the UN and the international community.

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I just returned from the United Nations where I heard that the US, aided and abetted by Canada, and Australia was intercepting conversations of its colleagues on the Security Council. This practice along with the cajoling, intimidating and bribing of various

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members of the Security Council by the United States verges on an indictable offence.

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The determination of the relevance of the United Nations depends not on whether the US successfully undermines the principles of the members of the Security Council but on the ability of the UN to stand firm against US unilateralism and to strive to prevent the scourge of war.

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