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Draft motion for a resolution

pursuant to rule 50

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in the name of the EPP-ED Group

on Iraq

The European Parliament,

- recalling its earlier resolutions on Iraq

A Whereas Iraq has not yet complied with relevant UNSC resolutions, following the Gulf war

B Whereas the sanctions imposed upon Iraq by the UNSC in order to force the Iraqi regime to comply with these resolutions have not yet had the desired result

C Whereas these sanctions have contributed to devastation of living standards of a large part of the Iraqi population over the last ten years.

D Whereas the intellectual embargo has deprived academic, medical and scientific professionals of advances in technology.

E Whereas the social fabric of a traditional society has been ripped apart as wives and widows have been forced into prostitution to make ends meet.

F Whereas a no fly zone has been imposed upon Iraq in order to prevent the use of Iraqi Air Force against the people of Kurd origin and of Southern Iraq.

G Whereas the enforcement of the no-fly zone gives occasion to a series of military actions that cause casualties and sufferings to many innocent human beings.

H Whereas the danger of a military action against the Kurd people in Northern Iraq and the Shiites in Southern Iraq has disappeared.

I Wishing to support the Iraqi people in its aspiration for democracy, access to essential services including health and education.

1 Re-iterates its position that the Iraqi Government must comply with all relevant UNSC resolutions, following the Gulf war

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2 Confirms its belief that a further deterioration of the living conditions of the Iraqi people will not bring about the desired change in their Government.

3 Takes the initiative to send Parliamentary fact finding delegations with a view to open a dialogue that can establish how the oil for food programme can be extended and expanded to provide water, food, education, health, utilities and civic assistance to improve the living conditions of the Iraqi people.

4 Re-iterates that such lifting of the embargo must be conditional on extensive and verifiable reforms to establish democracy, law and order and peace for all the people of Iraq.

5 Expresses its belief that EU diplomacy should try to bring about a lifting of the no-fly zone or at least an end of the bombings that currently take place together with a formal renouncement of the Iraqi Government to the use of military violence in dealing with the demands of autonomy of the Kurdish people.

6 Re-iterates that the UN, WHO, Red Cross and other such International Agencies will continue to monitor the importation and equitable distribution of goods and services so that benefit reaches the most deprived and vulnerable people in Iraq.

7 Asks its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Member states governments

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