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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

further to the Council and Commission statements

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on behalf of the UEN Group

on the situation in Iraq

European Parliament resolution on the situation in Iraq

The European Parliament,

- having regard to all the United Nations resolutions on Iraq,
 - having regard to all the European Parliament resolutions on Iraq,
 - having regard to all the Council statements on Iraq,
 - having regard to the conclusions of the European Council meeting on 20 and 21 March 2003,
1. Hopes that the conflict in which the allied forces are engaged in Iraq will end speedily with minimum suffering and loss of human life;
 2. Calls for the Geneva Convention to be fully respected by the Iraqi combatants, especially as regards the prisoners' basic right not to be subjected to bodily or mental harm;
 3. Stresses the need for preservation of Iraq's territorial integrity, sovereignty and political stability and for full and effective disarmament of Iraq to be carried out throughout its territory, and the need to respect the rights of the Iraqi people and of ethnic, cultural and religious minorities;
 4. Reaffirms its commitment to the fundamental role of the United Nations in the international system and the principle whereby in the first instance it is the Security Council's responsibility to maintain international peace and stability;
 5. Considers that conditions have to be established that will enable all Iraqis to live in freedom, dignity and prosperity under the authority of a representative government living in peace with its neighbours as an active member of the international community; in accordance with the European Council conclusions, invites the Commission and the High Representative to explore the means by which the EU might help the Iraqi people to achieve these objectives;
 6. Stresses the importance of trans-Atlantic relations in maintaining international peace and security;
 7. Hopes for the building of an international coalition against terrorism and calls for greater efforts to enable the international community to achieve a coherent and effective global policy aimed at preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction;
 8. Considers, in view of its ability to coordinate and help states emerging from conflict and its practical experience in this connection, that the United Nations should continue to play

an essential role during and after the current crisis; calls, therefore, on the Security Council to give the United Nations a firm mandate for this task;

9. Calls on the Council of the European Union to respond as a matter of urgency to the fundamental humanitarian requirements that the present crisis will bring in its wake, keeping this response separate from the Oil-for-Food programme, which must continue;
10. Expresses its solidarity with the countries facing problems and dangers because of the conflict, including a possible influx of refugees; calls on the European Union to work actively to support regional stability;
11. Calls on these countries to refrain from action likely to increase instability and to assume their respective responsibilities as regards prevention of terrorism;
12. Urges the Council to increase dialogue and cooperation with the Arab and Islamic world in all areas and considers that the Barcelona Process offers opportunities that could be used in this connection;
13. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the national governments and parliaments of the Member States and the candidate countries, and the United Nations General Assembly, Secretary-General and Security Council.