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RESOLUTION ON THE IMPORTANCE OF UNITED NATIONS CHARTER IN THE MAINTENANCE OF WORLD PEACE: SITUATION RELATING TO IRAQ

The Twenty-third General Assembly:

Concerned over the increasing tension arising from the possible unilateral military actions on the sovereign state of Iraq and its people,

Recognizing that the Charter of the United Nations is the foundation of international law and justice,

Reiterating the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and reaffirming its commitment to the principles of the political independence, sovereign equality and territorial integrity of all *sovereign* states,

Mindful of the consequences of armed conflict on relations between and among States, the economic burden on nations involved as well as on the international community, and above all, the humanitarian consequences of conflicts *and prolonged sanctions*,

Stressing the need for the maintenance of regional and international peace and stability and friendly relations among all States, and emphasizing the overriding political, humanitarian and moral imperatives as well as the economic advantages of preventing the outbreak and escalation of conflicts,

Alarmed at the prospects of any unprovoked and unjustified attack on Iraq that would seriously destabilize the already volatile political and security situation in the region,

Bearing in mind the primary responsibility of the United Nations under the Charter of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace and reaffirming its role in the prevention of armed conflicts,

Mindful of the call by international community to place the United Nations as the appropriate organ to deal with the situation in Iraq,

1. **Expresses** its commitment to contribute to the world peace and stability,
 2. **Emphasizes** the urgent need for a peaceful solution on the issue of Iraq in a way that preserves the authority and credibility of the Charter of the United Nations and international law as well as peace in the region.
 3. **Underlines** its full support for the central role of the United Nations in conflict prevention and the resolution of conflict through peaceful negotiation, and calls upon the *concerned* parties to settle their disputes by peaceful means as set forth in Chapter VI of the Charter of the United Nations,
 4. **Urges** the conflicting parties to exercise restraints and to be mindful of the serious implications of any military actions on Iraq to the already tense and volatile situation in the Middle East,
 5. **Opposes** any unilateral decision to launch unjustified and unprovoked military actions on the state of Iraq,
 6. **Calls upon** the United Nations to continue to remain involved in the issues relating to Iraq with a view of achieving durable peace in the region,
 7. **Urges** the international community through the United Nations to seriously address the humanitarian dimension of suffering and tragedies emanating from the prolonged sanctions on Iraq and calls upon the United Nations to review the decision on the justification for ongoing sanctions on Iraq.
 8. **Reaffirms** the respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of Iraq in accordance with the relevant Security Council's resolutions and calls on activating the dialogue between Iraq and the United Nations towards reaching a comprehensive settlement of pending issues between them.
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