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There have been discussions among the three parties and I believe you will find consent for the following action. The action concerns government Motion No. 16. First, by consent, the NDP will withdraw its subamendment to Motion No. 16. By consent, the Liberal party will withdraw its amendment to Motion No. 16, and, by consent, the government will withdraw government Motion No. 16, and substitute therefore the following new government motion:

That this House condemn the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq and, encouraged by the unprecedented international consensus demanding the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Iraqi forces from Kuwait and the full restoration of the legitimate government of Kuwait, affirm unequivocally its support for Canada's actions in the Security Council and its support for all relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions adopted since August 2 and for the sending of members, vessels and aircraft of the Canadian Forces to participate in the multinational military effort in and around the Arabian Peninsula, and in recognition of the seriousness of this matter, accept the undertaking of the Government to present a further resolution to this House in the event of the outbreak of hostilities involving Canadian Forces in and around the Arabian Peninsula; and

That upon adoption of this Motion, the said Motion shall be deemed referred to the Standing Committee on External Affairs and International Trade.

I wish to indicate that that would be the business that would be called tomorrow, should we proceed with this consent.

**Mr. Axworthy (Winnipeg South Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I would like, as well, to speak to the point of order brought forward by the parliamentary secretary to confirm that we have had a series of discussions to find a way of having debate in Parliament on the Gulf crisis reflect a spirit of commitment and engagement by all Canadians.

We want to note that the new resolution put forward by the government does meet some of the concerns that were raised. I do want to acknowledge and make sure that Parliament understands as well that we expect the Secretary of State for External Affairs will be putting forward today or tomorrow further correspondence on this very important point, outlining different steps and commitment the government is prepared to make in dealing with the United Nations and dealing with Parliament. We think it is a very important step forward, and

also indicate that this would establish a new plateau for debate, but would not necessarily negate any further potential amendments that would be offered in the same spirit in which these measures have been taken.

I would recommend to my colleagues that we accept the proposal by the parliamentary secretary. I think it would be an opportunity for us to begin a debate tomorrow with different terms of reference for this resolution. As a result, we could go forward and be able as a House to adapt our own debate to the very rapidly changing conditions in that very crucial area.

**Mr. Robinson:** Mr. Speaker, just briefly, we too have been consulted on this question and we certainly agree to the terms of the motion proposed by the parliamentary secretary. I look forward to participating in the debate tomorrow and seeing this debate come back before the House on this very serious question.

I just wanted to underline the point made by the member for Winnipeg South Centre, as well, that it is certainly our understanding that this new motion would indeed be open to amendment as its predecessor was.

**Mr. Cooper:** Mr. Speaker, yes, I can confirm that we do not have a problem if the Official Opposition and the NDP wish to move amendments and subamendments tomorrow through the normal procedures.

Also, I should signify that, to make sure it is procedurally correct, that the motion would be deemed moved by Mr. Clark (Yellowhead) and seconded by Mr. Andre, which is consistent with the mover and seconder of the previous Motion No. 16.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis):** Mr. Speaker, I must say I am amazed. We are being asked to agree to a series of motions in quick succession: first, withdrawal of the New Democratic Party's amendment, one which I would have supported; second, we are asked to give our unanimous consent for withdrawing the Liberal Party's, the Official Opposition's amendment, an amendment I would also have supported; third, we are being asked to withdraw the main motion, the government's motion, which I do not support.