

faced with the threat of the proliferation and use of this type of weapon in various parts of the world, and specifically the threats by Iraq against Israel.³⁸ External Affairs Minister Clark replied:

First, we believe that for the time being, it would be more effective for us to pursue the general question within the context of the Geneva talks on chemical weapons, which we are doing now.

I will continue to look at this question, and as soon as we can usefully raise the matter in the UN Security Council, we will do so.

Third, today I have given instructions that Canada's ambassador to Iraq be called to my department so that we can inform him of our concern about the statement by the President of Iraq.³⁹

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