

But, most important for the prospects for peace and security in the region and the world will be the strong reaffirmation of the United Nations that will be achieved by the actions of the multinational forces in liberating Kuwait. In maintaining our unity of purpose now, the problems of this region can be addressed by a United Nations that has successfully stood the test of an important crisis, whereas if our unity of purpose were to fail, those problems would fester in the face of a discredited United Nations.

Our goal today is the same as it was before January 16, and it will be the same when Saddam Hussein's army finally withdraws from Kuwait. That goal is to make the system of collective security under the UN work and thereby to secure the rule of law and uphold the universal values for which the United Nations was created. For Canada and its coalition partners, that is what the conflict in the Gulf is about.