

Iraq continue to choose to ignore its obligations under international law and under Security Council resolutions, the member states co-operating with the Government of Kuwait are authorized to use all necessary means to uphold and ensure the implementation of these resolutions. These means include the use of force.

Does this then mean that force will be used? That is up to Iraq. It is not yet too late.

We have offered the Government of Iraq in this resolution a pause of goodwill, a period of time which we all hope it will use not only to reflect upon the decisions of this Council and their potential consequences but also a period of time in which it can reverse the actions which it has taken and the damage it has done to the fabric of international peace and security. A period of time in which it must release the many foreign nationals detained against their will. When it must withdraw entirely and unconditionally from Kuwait and allow its sovereignty and independence to be fully restored.

We hope Iraq will take the opportunity that this resolution offers, and by full compliance, resume its place as a responsible member of the international community, on the basis of full respect for international law.

Should we also be attempting to resolve other existing tensions in the Gulf and Middle East regions? My Government believes that one of the consequences of the current Gulf crisis could be a window of opportunity to solve other problems facing a most troubled region. We have of late witnessed a pattern of successes within the Council in addressing regional issues. If we can sustain our collective determination, then a just, lasting and comprehensive solution to the Arab-Israeli dispute, which Canada views as necessary and urgent, may be within our grasp. This is a matter that can only be addressed, however, separately from the current crisis.

Iraq's offence is sui generis and its undoing, according to the highest principles of international law and the highest interests of international security, is essential. But resolution of all territorial disputes in the region on a just and equitable basis is urgently required, if peace and security are to apply in a durable way. We will also have to turn our collective attention to the need for arms control measures, especially for weapons of mass destruction. Sustaining the new unity of the international community is the only, and best, hope that these problems can be resolved with speed. Mr. President, Canada has voted in favour of the resolution we have adopted today in full cognizance of its responsibilities as a member of