

Petition on Canada's position on the war and occupation of Iraq

To the House of Commons in Parliament Assembled

WE the undersigned residents of Canada, draw the attention of the House to the following. We will take into serious consideration these issues in voting in the next federal election:

THE war against Iraq was not supported by the UN or it's Charter, therefore it was a violation of International Law.

RECALLING that Canada did not support the war against Iraq, and

THAT the United States, as an occupier has obligations to the people of Iraq, such as security, and building and maintenance of essential services such as water, electricity, and sewage under international law. The United States is not fulfilling those obligations.

THAT Canada as a member of the United Nations has obligations to actively seek peaceful resolutions to issues of international security, such as in the case of Iraq.

THEREFORE your petitioners call upon parliament to:

- Encourage the United Nations to take a strong role in concrete actions to resolve the ongoing violence by both the Coalition forces and insurgents.
- Advocate for the Coalition forces, while they are in Iraq to fulfill their obligations as occupier and address the needs of the people of Iraq, in accord keeping with: the 1907 Hague Convention (IV) Respecting the Laws and Customs of War on Land; the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War; and the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the event of Armed Conflict
- Ensure, that Canada does not join the ongoing fighting in Iraq under the auspices of the Coalition Provisional Authority.
- Call for a full removal of coalition forces from Iraq; to be replaced by appropriate peace keepers and policing forces by Iraq and international forces and legitimate Iraq governance.

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