

Resolution Against Unilateral U.S. Military Intervention in Iraq

Whereas, No proven link has been established between the attacks on September 11, 2001, and the government of Iraq, and the government of Iraq has so far not been shown to pose a clear and present danger to the security of the United States or its citizens; and

Whereas, Diplomatic efforts and weapons inspections continue in Iraq, the international community has not lent its support for war against Iraq, and unilateral preemptive action against Iraq by the United States would undermine the basic foundations of international law; and

Whereas, A war with Iraq would jeopardize the lives of American soldiers as well as the lives of Iraqi civilians who have already suffered enormously under the current Iraqi regime; and

Whereas, A war with Iraq would further aggravate tensions in the Middle East and escalate anti-American sentiment around the world, increasing support for Al-Qaeda and other extremist groups and increasing the threat of terrorism against Americans and others; and

Whereas, A war with Iraq would significantly impact the University of California, Santa Cruz, through the lives of campus community members and their families and through the diversion of hundreds of billions of dollars to warfare at a time that education funding for the current and next generation of students is being drastically cut; and

Whereas, A war in Iraq would interfere with numerous University international initiatives and programs; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Santa Cruz Division of the Academic Senate of the University of California urges the government of the United States of America to work with the United Nations to obtain compliance by Iraq with United Nations Security Council resolutions concerning the disarmament by Iraq of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons and to fully support the work of the international weapons inspectors in Iraq; and

Resolved, That the Santa Cruz Division of the Academic Senate of the University of California opposes unilateral preemptive war against Iraq.