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1. IN PREPARING AN INTERVENTION ON THE HUMANITARIAN  
SITUATION IN IRAQ FOR THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL MEETING  
POST MAY DRAW FROM THE FOLLOWING TEXT:

TALKING POINTS:

MR. CHAIRMAN, OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS, THE U.S. HAS  
TAKEN UNPRECEDENTED STEPS TO LIMIT THE ADVERSE HUMANITARIAN  
CONSEQUENCES OF A CONFLICT WITH IRAQ AND TO PROVIDE RELIEF  
AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO THE IRAQI PEOPLE.

PRESIDENT BUSH HAS ADDRESSED THIS ISSUE SPECIFICALLY. FOR  
EXAMPLE, HE SAID ON MARCH 23, "WE HAVE MADE A PROMISE TO  
THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY THAT WE WILL DO EVERYTHING WE  
CAN TO PROTECT INNOCENT LIFE." HE WENT ON TO SAY, "WE HAVE

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AN OBLIGATION--AND THIS IS JUST NOT AMERICA, IT'S COALITION FORCES--HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO PUT FOOD AND MEDICINE IN PLACES SO THE IRAQI PEOPLE CAN LIVE A NORMAL LIFE AND HAVE HOPE."

DURING THIS CONFLICT, WE ARE WORKING WITH THE UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, NGOS, OUR COALITION PARTNERS AND OTHER DONORS TO MOVE QUICKLY TO GET AID TO PEOPLE WHO NEED IT MOST.

TO DATE, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS PROVIDED NEARLY \$124 MILLION TO UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR ACTIVITIES TO ADDRESS HUMANITARIAN NEEDS OF THE IRAQI PEOPLE. ANOTHER \$20 MILLION HAS GONE TO SUPPORTING NGO PROGRAMS, AND \$16.3 MILLION TO THE PRE-POSITIONING OF NON-FOOD COMMODITIES.

WE HAVE ASSEMBLED AND TRAINED THE LARGEST-EVER U.S. DISASTER ASSISTANCE RESPONSE TEAM (DART), WHICH WILL BE HEADQUARTERED IN KUWAIT CITY AND WILL HAVE THREE MOBILE FIELD OFFICES. THE DART WILL CONDUCT ASSESSMENTS, DIRECT ASSISTANCE TOWARDS VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND NGO PROVIDERS.

THE COASTAL ROAD TO UMM QASR HAS BEEN DEEMED A PERMISSIVE ENVIRONMENT BY COALITION FORCES, MEANING THAT NGOS CAN BEGIN TO ASSESS HOW TO DISTRIBUTE HUMANITARIAN AID. HUMANITARIAN DAILY RATIONS ARE BEING POSITIONED BY THE MILITARY. OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND NGOS ARE ALSO WORKING TO PRE-POSITION AID.

WE ARE ALSO PRE-POSITIONING STOCKPILES OF EMERGENCY SUPPLIES AND COMMODITIES, INCLUDING FOOD, MEDICAL KITS, BLANKETS AND SHELTER MATERIALS--THE LARGEST SUCH RELIEF STOCKPILES WE'VE EVER HAD.

THE U.S., IN TOTAL, IS PROVIDING 610,000 METRIC TONS OF FOOD WORTH \$300 MILLION. TO GIVE YOU A FEEL FOR HOW LARGE A QUANTITY THIS IS, JUST 110,000 METRIC TONS OF THIS FOOD WILL FEED 2 MILLION IRAQIS FOR THREE MONTHS.

IN ADDITION, THE U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IS DONATING \$206.4 MILLION IN NON-FOOD AID, INCLUDING \$62.5 MILLION FOR EMERGENCY SUPPLIES AND PROGRAMS, \$80 MILLION FOR RECONSTRUCTION, \$3.9 MILLION FOR TRANSITION INITIATIVES AND \$60 MILLION FOR WORLD FOOD PROGRAM CONTINGENCY PLANNING.

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THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S BUREAU FOR POPULATION, REFUGEES AND  
MIGRATION HAS ALSO DONATED \$36.6 MILLION TO VARIOUS  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING UNHCR, ICRC AND IOM.

IF THE TREATMENT OF DETAINEES IS RAISED:

WE UNDERSTAND QUESTIONS REGARDING THE TREATMENT OF  
PRISONERS OF WAR. THE U.S. AND IRAQ ARE PARTIES TO THE  
1949 GENEVA CONVENTION RELATIVE TO THE TREATMENT OF  
PRISONERS OF WAR (POWS).

THE UNITED STATES HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO ABIDE BY ITS  
OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE GENEVA CONVENTION, AND EXPECTS IRAQ  
TO DO THE SAME.

WE ARE GIVING ICRC ACCESS TO THE IRAQI POWS. THE ICRC  
BEGAN VISITING POWS HELD BY COALITION FORCES ON MARCH 31.

ONLY IF RAISED: THE EU RESOLUTION ON IRAQ AT THE UN  
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS:  
THE U.S. WELCOMES THE EU DRAFT RESOLUTION ON IRAQ AT THE UN  
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. A RESOLUTION ON IRAQ IS PUT  
FORWARD ANNUALLY IN RESPONSE TO A SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR'S  
REPORT ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN THAT COUNTRY.  
WE WELCOME THE AIM OF THE EU DRAFT RESOLUTION TO BRING TO  
THE COMMISSION THE WIDESPREAD CONCERNS OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
COMMUNITY ABOUT THE HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES BY THE IRAQI  
REGIME. THIS SHOULD REMAIN A FOCUS OF THE COMMISSION, AS  
HAS BEEN THE CASE FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS.  
THE U.S. FEELS DEEP CONCERN FOR THE HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS  
OF THE PEOPLE OF IRAQ AND HAS LONG BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE  
VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS SUFFERED BY THE IRAQI PEOPLE.  
AS THE PRESIDENT HAS SAID, ONE MAJOR RESULT OF THE  
COALITION'S MILITARY ACTION WILL BE TO ALLOW THE IRAQI  
PEOPLE TO BUILD A GOVERNMENT BASED ON FREEDOM.

THE SPECIAL SITTING OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ON IRAQ  
WAS DEFEATED ON MARCH 27. ONLY IF RAISED AND PRESSED:

THE REJECTION OF THE SPECIAL SITTING OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS  
COMMISSION ON IRAQ SENDS A STRONG SIGNAL THAT THE  
COLLECTIVE WILL OF LIKE-MINDED NATIONS CAN PREVAIL OVER  
UNHELPFUL ATTEMPTS TO DIVERT THE COMMISSION'S FOCUS ON

UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS. WE ARE VERY PLEASED THAT IN THIS  
EXTREMELY POLITICAL UN BODY, WHICH INCLUDES MANY HUMAN  
RIGHTS VIOLATORS, ITS MEMBERS REJECTED A SPECIAL SITTING.  
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