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Time to bend the UN Charter?

Public Meeting
House of Lords
(Room booked in the name of Lord Judd)
Wednesday 20 November at 7pm
Speakers

Lord Richard of Ammanford
(former UK Permanent Delegate to the UN)
M. Stéphane Gombertz
(Minister Counsellor, French Embassy)

Following the UN Security Council vote on Resolution 1441, the world awaits the formal response from President Saddam Hussein of Iraq. As its members consider his reply, how closely will events follow the precisely detailed requirements of the Resolution? If the US wishes to exercise its claimed right to unilateral intervention, then operational necessity demands early mobilisation of military forces and *materiel*. Will President Bush's strengthened domestic position lead to undue pressure exerted on the UN weapons inspectors? Will the Security Council agree on how the inspectors' report is assessed? Will the UK government agree to a debate in parliament to assess support for its actions?

Set in this fast-moving scenario, our panel of speakers will assess the pros and cons of early intervention, options on post regime-change government and on whether the UN is itself robust enough to collectively act upon the report of the weapons inspectors. Is there a case to be made that, in the interest of regional stability and world peace, we should be ready to 'bend' the UN Charter?

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