

The Security Council is gravely concerned about the current situation in Iraq as it relates to Security Council Resolution 1441 and weapons inspections. The denial of U.N. Inspectors to a possible site of weapons of mass destruction is a possible material breach of Security Council resolution 1441 and Iraq needs to immediately allow access to any and all sites that the U.N. Inspection Team headed by Hans Blix requests.

While we realize that all the facts are not currently available to us, we are working to determine all relative facts, including reviewing all relevant resolutions and memorandums. The appearance of noncompliance in allowing weapon inspectors full access warrants the Security Council to begin the consideration of further action against Iraq, in accordance with the U.N. Charter, if our concerns are not answered to satisfaction.

The Security Council recognizes that the only justification for viewing the actions of Iraq as complying with Security Council resolution 1441 and its annexes is a misinterpretation of operative clause 7, section 3, namely that presidential sites shall be afforded special treatment, and affirms that this line of reasoning will not be accepted in the future.