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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the meeting of the Security Council, held on 18th of February, 2003, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "Situation in Iraq," the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

Regarding Pope John Paul II and the Holy See's diplomatic trip to Iraq, the United Nations Security Council President applauds all attempts to multilaterally encourage member states to follow international law and the binding resolutions passed therein. The United Nations Security Council understands potentially ideological conflicts Iraq and the Holy See have but emphasizes and reiterates the importance of safety for all diplomatic entities. We hope that the Iraqi Government and Pope John Paul II engage in peaceful dialogue. We also urge the Iraqi government to ensure the protection of Pope John Paul II and his convoy throughout the duration of his time in Iraq. The United Nations Security Council remains ever aware of Resolution 1441 and Resolution 687 and hopes that Iraq will remember these resolutions and its requirements as a recognized member nation and the obligations under the UN Charter.

The Security Council will continue to pay close attention to developments.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions

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