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PRESIDENT'S U.N. SPEECH

DOLE APPLAUDS BUSH'S FOCUS ON ECONOMIC ISSUES, REPEAL OF ZIONISM/RACISM RESOLUTION, IRAQ'S COMPLIANCE

ESKRIDGE, KS - SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS) TODAY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT REGARDING PRESIDENT BUSH'S SPEECH TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

President Bush's address to the United Nations today was a new kind of speech, reflecting what truly is a "new world."

The President's address represented a "declaration of peace" -- an end to the Cold War -- in a body which until now has usually been preoccupied with acts and declarations of war. <u>Global Economic Issues</u>

It also wisely emphasized the growing importance of economic issues, both in international relations and for the newly emerging democracies. As President Bush said, it is high time to conclude the Uruguay Round, in a manner which fosters free trade, not legitimizes unfair subsidized trade. And, having largely won the immediate struggle for democratic freedoms, it must now be the first priority for the new democracies to implement fundamental, free market reforms.

Repeal "Zionism is Racism" Resolution

I also commend the President for his high profile call for a repeal of the so-called "Zionism is racism" resolution. It is a disgrace to the U.N., and an insult to millions and millions of people around the world, including in our own nation.

Saddam's Compliance

Finally, I applaud the President's restated determination to compel Saddam's compliance with all relevant U.N. resolutions, and especially those dealing with Iraq's advanced weapons programs. Ironically, even as the President spoke, Saddam and his cronies were detaining inspectors who had just uncovered one more "smoking gun" in the U.N.-sanctioned investigation to determine Iraq's advanced weapons capabilities and plans. As the President implied, Saddam is about out of time in his campaign of stonewalling and defiance. Hopefully, the President's address will spur the U.N. to further action. If not, we will have to take care of the problem ourselves.

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