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**SPEECH FROM THE THRONE
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HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
it is a privilege for me to exercise the prerogative of Her Majesty the Queen
and open this 2nd session of the 43rd Parliament.

It is the first time I have exercised Her Majesty's prerogative, and I am
deeply conscious of the fact that Parliament has been summoned to discuss a
matter of grave concern to the people of New Zealand.

Parliament is not summoned to discuss every outbreak of hostilities in the
world.

The circumstances, in this instance, are exceptional. The hostilities are of
worldwide significance.

Today, a multinational force is in action with the full authority of the United
Nations.