

Ministers of the Government understand that point of view, but they also recognise that there is no peace to keep, until peace has been made.

Therefore, they have decided that New Zealand should play a modest but honourable part in the effort to make peace, and to support the resolutions of the United Nations which seek to end an act of aggression by Iraq and restore the integrity of the small state of Kuwait.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS, New Zealand has shouldered its share of the burden of sanctions on Iraq.

New Zealand has made a real contribution to the welfare of refugees displaced by the conflict, and will make a real contribution to the care of those who suffer injury in the hostilities that are now under way.

New Zealand has moved to support each call and resolution of the United Nations in regard to the current crisis in the Gulf.

I am sure that all New Zealanders will extend their heartfelt sympathy to those who have suffered and will suffer in the war.

I am equally certain that all New Zealanders share the hope that the hostilities can be brought to a swift end with minimum loss of life, and that a just and lasting peace can be secured.

Today, the Ministers of the Government are inviting Honourable Members to join in support for the United Nations in its handling of this situation, for the multinational force that is operating under the auspices of the United Nations, and for the efforts that have been made by New Zealand to give effect to the resolutions of the United Nations.