

"We wish to see established an effective system of collective security under which all contract that aggression against one is aggression against all, and will be met and defeated as such.

"We believe that nothing short of this can in the long run be permanently effective - an agreement by all the right-thinking peoples of the world that lawless force will always be met and defeated by lawful force ..."

That the United Nations has operated on this occasion in the way its founders intended, and that so many member nations have been prepared to contribute to the effort that is now required to achieve the object of its resolutions, is one of the positive aspects of the otherwise tragic situation that Parliament has been summoned to consider.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS, I now turn to the decisions made in regard to this situation by the previous and present Governments of New Zealand since August the 2nd.

The Government in office on that day immediately and repeatedly condemned Iraq's act of aggression and called for the complete withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Kuwait.

When the Security Council called for the imposition of sanctions on Iraq, the government imposed them, as quickly as legal procedures permitted.

New Zealand commercial and financial organisations willingly complied with the sanctions.