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**Iraq:** The President will urge all nations to step forward and provide support to Iraq. The goal is the full independence of Iraq, reached by orderly and democratic means. This process must unfold according to the needs of the Iraqi people. The United Nations can contribute greatly to the cause of Iraqi independence, and the U.S. is working with friends and allies on a new Security Council resolution which will expand the UN's role in Iraq. The UN can assist in drafting a constitution, training civil servants, and conducting free and fair elections.

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