

In its meeting on 20th March 2003 the Senate of the University of Innsbruck agreed on the following resolution with a more than two-thirds majority:

### **Universities for Peace**

Iraq was acting in breach of international law when it attacked Iran, used weapons of mass-destruction against the Kurd population and occupied Kuwait. Iraq acted in breach of international law when it failed to conform with the UN-resolutions on its disarmament.

Great Britain, Spain and other states, in particular the United States of America, are also acting in breach of international law by taking the law into their own hands and trying to enforce not only the disarmament of Iraq but also a change of regime in Iraq by military force - interrupting a peaceful implementation of UN resolution 1441.

This is not only a dangerous course of action that can have unforeseeable consequences for world peace and will also cost tens of thousands of people their lives and destroy their health, but it also represents a breach of confidence in international organisations and the principles of international law. The political repercussions of this act will be profound and far-reaching.

Universities can only exist through social and scientific discourse and draw on a tradition of peaceful conflict resolution.

For this reason we condemn the war in Iraq and demand the following:

- Immediate cessation of hostilities
- Immediate withdrawal of all troops behind internationally accepted borders
- Iraq's Immediate and unconditional implementation of Resolution 1441
- A resumption of UN inspections in Iraq

