

Labor Must Speak Out Against the War

To: John Sweeney, President, AFL-CIO and
Members of the AFL-CIO Executive Council:

We, the undersigned, support the strong antiwar resolution adopted by U.S. Labor Against the War at its founding conference in Chicago, Illinois on January 11, 2003. More than 100 participants representing 76 unions and labor organizations unanimously voted to oppose President Bush's war drive.

We oppose the AFL-CIO Executive Council position that leaves the door open to support the war if it is sanctioned by the United Nations and joined by U.S. allies. With or without international backing, Bush's war on Iraq will take a terrible toll on workers around the globe. The much sought after UN approval will provide legal cover for the deaths of thousands of Iraqis. It will also strengthen Bush's hand in using the war to bust unions and deny U.S. citizens and immigrants their civil and constitutional rights.

It is imperative that organized labor—the largest voice for working people in the U.S.—stand up, be counted, and be heard. The lives of millions of people are at stake as well as the safety and security of the entire world.

We call on the AFL-CIO Executive Council to immediately adopt the U.S. Labor Against the War resolution as a clear and firm statement opposing the war against Iraq.

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