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Philanthropic Watchdog Issues Critique on Iraq War

War's Impact on Charity, Philanthropy at Home and Abroad

WASHINGTON - March 25 - The board of directors of the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP) today issued a statement criticizing the U.S. invasion of Iraq and its impact on the philanthropic sector.

At the organization's spring board meeting in Los Angeles on Saturday, March 22, the NCRP board approved the statement, which calls on the philanthropic sector to provide more resources and support for the war-affected people of Iraq.

"The U.S. philanthropic sector and many of the sector's nonprofit leadership organizations have been unprepared for the challenges posed by the U.S. invasion of Iraq," the statement says.

The statement of the NCRP board called on philanthropy to provide more resources and more support for the war-affected people of Iraq.

"The U.S. invasion of Iraq should make every philanthropic institution think deeply about the challenges posed by the war and the impact on the philanthropic sector," the statement says.

The following is the full text of the statement approved March 22, by NCRP's board:

"The board of directors of the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP), dedicated to helping the philanthropic sector respond to the needs of the war-affected people of Iraq, today issued a statement criticizing the U.S. invasion of Iraq and its impact on the philanthropic sector.

"We are concerned about the United States government's preemptive war against Iraq, which exacerbates the challenges posed by the war and the impact on the philanthropic sector," the statement says.

The economic costs are dwarfed by the human costs.