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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 victims of the war and for the reconstruction 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 war in Iraq," the statement says. "The U.S. invasion of Iraq should make every philanthropic institution think deeply about the challenges it faces in the future."

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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 world's most vulnerable populations, 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 humanitarian crisis in Iraq and the Middle East, and the impact of the war on the philanthropic sector."

The economic costs are dwarfed by the human costs.