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**Press release from Liese Prokop, AER President**

**Assembly of European Regions (AER)  
in favour of peaceful solution to Iraq-crisis**

The AER, as one of the voices of the people in the regions of Europe, supports all initiatives that lead to a peaceful solution of the Iraqi-crisis. Lower Austria Vice-Minister-President Liese Prokop, in her function as AER-President declared that a predominant majority of the population definitely opposes a military intervention. This is also indicated by opinion polls.

AER-president Liese Prokop voiced the opinion that further actions must be covered by United Nations' decisions. She reminded those in charge on all political levels that it was the regions, which through active collaboration at their level, laid the foundation for tolerance, stability and peace in Europe.

*"Today's Europe of the Regions, "old" or "new", has learned its lesson from its long history of violent clashes between states, peoples and cultures", Liese Prokop underlined. "We are afraid that a war against Iraq will lead to an endless sequence of even more violence. In view of the possible human casualties, and those of infrastructure and cultural heritage, as well a deterioration of international relations, it seems advisable for all sides to exhaust all possible diplomatic measures."*