

What They are Saying – John Bolton’s Work at the UN

When it comes to reforming the disgraceful United Nations Human Rights Commission, America's ambassador, John Bolton, is right; Secretary General Kofi Annan is wrong; and leading international human rights groups have unwisely put their preference for multilateral consensus ahead of their duty to fight for the strongest possible human rights protection. - **The New York Times, February 26, 2006**

Three cheers for America's U.N. Ambassador John Bolton, who this week proved himself a staunch defender of human rights. He all but shipwrecked the proposed U.N. Human Rights Council as a phony attempt to reform the hopeless U.N. Commission on Human Rights, which is charged with monitoring and condemning human rights violations around the world. - **The Dallas Morning News, March 3, 2006**

For the good of our country, the United Nations and the free world, we must end any ambiguity about whether John Bolton speaks for the United States so that he can work to support our interests at the United Nations during this critical time. - **The Washington Post, Senator George V. Voinovich, July 20, 2006**

Voinovich is right. Bolton went to the UN having to prove himself. He's done that. – **Chicago Tribune, July 25, 2006**

How ironic it would be if Bolton, whose nomination as ambassador Senate Democrats tried to block with bogus charges about his temper and treatment of co-workers, were honored as a peacemaker. Truth is, the Democrats feared Bolton's ability and determination to clean up one of their favorite institutions, the U.N. - **Investor's Business Daily, February 9, 2006**

And let us not lose sight of the yeoman work of oft-criticized U.S. Ambassador John Bolton - he of abrasive mien and undiplomatic verbiage....For their hard work, the U.S. delegation, headed by Bolton, is to be congratulated, especially by the people who are first in the line of fire: the people of Seoul. They would be the ones most at risk if in the end diplomacy fails. Every bit as much as war, diplomacy can be a matter of life and death - for a people, for a city, and for hope. – **Korea Times, Tom Plate July 24, 2006**

In addition to being straightforward, one of the clearest signals you get from Bolton (and one of the reasons I think many Democrats in the United States Senate opposed his nomination) is that he isn't remotely shy or apologetic about promoting America's agenda and defending her interests. - **Real Clear Politics.com, Tom Bevan, June 28, 2006**

As U.S. Ambassador John Bolton has implored, the Security Council must send a strong and unanimous signal that North Korea's missile test-launch was unacceptable. The Bush administration, while condemning North Korea's actions, is attempting to seek a diplomatic solution, which is a wise course. - **Deseret Morning News (Salt Lake City, Utah), July 7, 2006**

...Bolton has demonstrated his ability to be an effective UN ambassador, championing the much-needed message of reform. He brought a fresh perspective to the United Nations, and the criticism voiced by Voinovich and Democrats—that he didn't play well with others—has proven to be moot. - **Human Events, July 20, 2006**

John Bolton, former undersecretary of state, has with unusual energy tried to find ways to counter this threat. Friends and foes agree -- he never gives up. He has repeatedly underlined the threat of Iran pursuing two paths to nuclear weapons: One is the use of highly enriched uranium, achieved by thousands of centrifuges, which Iran has developed and tested. - **The Wall Street Journal, Per Ahlmark, February 7, 2006**

It is commendable, then, that the Bush administration is starting to get serious about Darfur. At the United Nations, John Bolton is pushing for authorization of a more muscular U.N. force to take over for the African Union (AU), while the State Department is trying to get NATO to increase its logistical support. Both efforts are worthy. - **The New Republic, March 13, 2006**