

United Nations Reform – A Modest Suggestion

If the UN is to have any beneficial role in the future of the world, the Security Council must live up to its responsibilities from now on. That means it must never again behave as it did during the Iraq crisis.

What, then, is to be done about France? Here's a possibility. France can retain its permanent membership of the Security Council, but with a slight alteration in the voting rules: *any vote cast by France must have the unanimous consent of all other EU members.* Without such consent, France/EU is deemed to abstain.

This at a stroke would make the UN more effective, increase the EU's role in world affairs, encourage European unity and promote multilateralism. Since these are all prime aims of French foreign policy, France would welcome the change.

Heh heh heh.

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What happens to France if it refuses- how, in the fantasy, does the rightness get enforced?

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In the fantasy, France approves of the reform.

In real life, the US imposes this or some equivalent reform by threatening to withdraw funding from the UN or, ultimately, to suspend its membership or leave altogether.

What happens to France? It takes the consequences.

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The UN

Do you think the US would do that? Don't they need the UN for the

support it gets them from otherwise unsupportive governments and individuals?

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Excellent idea. Just one slight modification - France would need approval of all other EU members that are not also at the time members of the Security Council.

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France should be told to shut...

France should be told to shut up, and get back to the kitchen and the vinyard. Otherwise the ANGLOnofreakinfroggiesSPHERE will unsheath Operation French Freedom III, and do it properly this time, liberating all french women from the tyranny of french men, who will be disenfranchised.

Kofi should be reclassified as French, and, just as Peking became Beijing, Putin's name should be corrected to Putain.

The UN should be moved to Waco Texas and Bill Clinton should be put in charge of fundraising, staffing, and travel.

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