

INTERVIEW WITH KEN LIVINGSTONE AND DAVID MELLOR ON LBC, SATURDAY
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Speaking on LBC Lord David Owen former Foreign Secretary demanded that "The UK Government table a resolution in the Security Council this weekend for an urgent debate on the immediate removal of all chemical weapons from Syria under UN inspection teams with representatives on those teams from the five permanent members."

"Let us see whether China would veto such a resolution, whether Russia would? It is clear from the St Petersburg G20 meeting that such a resolution would have the support of many big nations. It is not enough for our Prime Minister to say after the vote he respects the democratic decision of Parliament; he needs to act on it."

"This means going urgently to the UN as a British voice of reason. That does not involve criticising President Obama but it does mean sticking to the procedures set out in the UN resolution on the Right to Protect (R2P) spelt out in 2005 by all five of the permanent members. This R2P resolution is in grave danger of being ignored by the US Congress."

Also ignored by what Lord Owen called the "international cowboys", the archpriest being the former Vice President of the US Dick Cheney. This is a role now being taken over by Senator John McCain who wants to bypass the Security Council. This group has always included Prime Minister Netanyahu and sadly now it includes former Prime Minister Tony Blair still nursing bruises from his own rebuffs in the Security Council in 2003 over Iraq."