

Syria action – where key countries stand

The United States is continuing to seek out an international coalition in response to Syria's alleged use of chemical weapons, despite a vote against military action by Britain's parliament

UN SECURITY COUNCIL PERMANENT MEMBERS



United States: More than 160 members of Congress have called for vote or debate before any U.S. action



China
Will veto military intervention



Russia
Will use veto or abstain



Britain
Voted against action in parliament



France
Prepared to act without Britain

OTHER COUNTRIES



Australia
Backs action even without UN assent



Canada
Cautiously supports action



Germany
Will not participate



Greece: Will allow U.S. to use its bases



Italy: Against strikes without UN approval



Spain: No official view



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Egypt: Wants diplomacy to end Syrian civil war



Iran: Syria's main backer opposes intervention



Iraq: Action could escalate Iraq's sectarian violence



Israel: Mounted three air strikes against Syria this year



Jordan: Does not want its bases used for strikes



Lebanon
Action could spread sectarian strife



Saudi Arabia
Has funded and supplied Syrian rebels



Turkey: Ready to join action even without UN assent



Arab League
22-member bloc tacitly endorses strike