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Condemning the violation of Ukrainian sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity by military forces of the Russian Federation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROYCE (for himself, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. COOK, Mr. MARINO, Mr. KEATING, Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. HOLDING, Mr. HOLT, Mr. MESSER, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. PERRY, Mr. POE of Texas, and Mr. SIRES) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Condemning the violation of Ukrainian sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity by military forces of the Russian Federation.

Whereas the United States has been strongly committed to the sovereignty, democratic development, and prosperity of Ukraine since the recovery of its independence in 1991;

Whereas the Ukrainian people have the right to freely determine their future, including their country's relationship with other countries and international organizations,

without interference, intimidation, or coercion by other countries;

Whereas closer relations with Europe hold out the prospect of a more stable and prosperous Ukraine, which would be of benefit to all countries, including Russia;

Whereas the military intervention by the Russian Federation in Crimea is a violation of Ukraine's sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity;

Whereas this military intervention is a violation of international law, including the Russian Federation's obligations under the United Nations Charter;

Whereas this military intervention is a violation of the Russian Federation's obligations under the 1994 Budapest Memorandum on Security Assurances, in which it pledged to respect the independence and sovereignty and the existing borders of Ukraine and to refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of Ukraine;

Whereas by its military intervention in Ukraine, the Russian Federation has violated the provisions of the Helsinki Final Act Declaration of Principles Regarding Relations Between Participating States of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe;

Whereas the Russian Federation's military intervention in Crimea represents a reckless escalation of its long-standing efforts to pressure Ukraine through political, diplomatic, and economic means to reduce its ties to Europe and the West and force it into a closer association with Russia, including through the establishment of a Eurasian Union;

Whereas the Russian Federation has used and is continuing to use coercive economic measures, including the manipulation of energy prices and supplies, to place political pressure on Ukraine and other countries in the region;

Whereas the Government of Ukraine has exercised extraordinary restraint to date in response to the use of force against it on its territory; and

Whereas the immediate deployment of international monitors from either the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe or the United Nations to Crimea and in other Ukrainian regions would provide transparency and objective reporting regarding threats of violence and military activity, and also enhance the security of the Ukrainian people in all regions: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) condemns the violation of Ukrainian sov-
3 ereignty, independence, and territorial integrity by
4 military forces of the Russian Federation;

5 (2) states that the military intervention by the
6 Russian Federation—

7 (A) is in breach of its obligations under
8 the United Nations Charter;

9 (B) is in violation of the 1994 Budapest
10 Memorandum on Security Assurances, in which
11 it pledged to respect the independence and sov-
12 ereignty and the existing borders of Ukraine
13 and to refrain from the threat of use of force

1 against the territorial integrity or political inde-
2 pendence of Ukraine; and

3 (C) poses a threat to international peace
4 and security;

5 (3) calls on the Russian Federation to remove
6 all of its military forces from Ukraine's Crimean pe-
7 ninsula, other than at those operating in accordance
8 with its 1997 agreement on the Status and Condi-
9 tions of the Black Sea Fleet Stationing on the Terri-
10 tory of Ukraine, and to refrain from interference in
11 all regions of Ukraine;

12 (4) declares that the Ukrainian people have the
13 right to determine their own future free from out-
14 side interference;

15 (5) commends the Ukrainian Government for
16 its continued restraint and avoidance of military
17 provocations;

18 (6) calls on the Ukrainian Government to con-
19 tinue to protect the rights of all minority popu-
20 lations within Ukraine and make clear that it rep-
21 resents all Ukrainian citizens;

22 (7) calls on all Ukrainians to respect the legiti-
23 mate government authorities in all parts of Ukraine,
24 including in eastern and southern Ukraine;

1 (8) calls for the deployment of independent
2 monitors from the Organization for Security and Co-
3 operation in Europe in Crimea and other areas of
4 Ukraine;

5 (9) calls upon the President and the leaders of
6 the other democratic states to not attend the G8
7 summit in Sochi, Russia and to consider expelling
8 Russia from the group, given its international ag-
9 gression and internal repression that are incon-
10 sistent with democratic standards;

11 (10) calls on the Administration to work with
12 our European allies and other countries to impose
13 visa, financial, trade, and other sanctions on senior
14 Russian Federation officials, majority state-owned
15 banks and commercial organizations, and other state
16 agencies, as appropriate;

17 (11) states that the United States should par-
18 ticipate with its European allies and other countries
19 in a joint effort to provide the Ukrainian govern-
20 ment with financial, economic, and technical assist-
21 ance, including asset recovery, to assist an economic
22 recovery program that includes fundamental re-
23 forms;

24 (12) calls on the United States, its European
25 allies, and other countries and international organi-

1 zations to provide assistance to ensure that new elec-
2 tions scheduled for May 2014 are free, fair, and in
3 full accordance with international standards;

4 (13) calls on the United States and its Euro-
5 pean allies and other countries to develop a long-
6 term strategy to support economic development in
7 Ukraine, including enhanced relationships with
8 Western countries, organizations and institutions;

9 (14) supports efforts by Ukraine to achieve en-
10 ergy independence; and

11 (15) affirms the right of all countries in the re-
12 gion to exercise their sovereign rights within their
13 internationally recognized borders free from outside
14 intervention and to conduct their foreign policy in
15 accordance with their determination of the best in-
16 terests of their peoples.

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