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Expressing the sense of the Senate concerning an international project to evaluate and facilitate the international exchange of advanced technologies.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. MURKOWSKI) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas currently in the post Cold-War world, there are new opportunities to facilitate international political and scientific cooperation on cost-effective and advanced innovative nuclear waste technologies;

Whereas there is increasing public interest in monitoring and remediation of nuclear wastes; and

Whereas it is in the best interest of the United States to explore and develop options with the international community to facilitate the exchange of evolving advanced nuclear waste technologies: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

1 (1) the President should instruct the Secretary
2 of Energy, in consultation with the Secretary of
3 State, the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator
4 of the Environmental Protection Agency, and other
5 officials as appropriate, to consider the Advanced
6 Technology Research Project (known as “ATRP”)
7 and report to the Committee on Energy and Natural
8 Resources of the Senate on—

9 (A) whether the United States should en-
10 courage the establishment of an international
11 project to facilitate the evaluation and inter-
12 national exchange of data (including cost data)
13 relating to advanced nuclear waste technologies,
14 including technologies for solid and liquid radio-
15 active wastes and contaminated soils and sedi-
16 ments;

17 (B) whether such a project could be funded
18 privately through industry, public interest, and
19 scientific organizations and administered by an
20 international non-governmental, nonprofit orga-
21 nization, with operations in the United States,
22 Russia, Japan, and other countries that have
23 an interest in developing such technologies; and

1 (C) any legislation that the Secretary be-
2 lieves would be required to enable such a
3 project to be undertaken.

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