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# S. RES. 227

To express the sense of the Senate regarding the May 11, 1998, Indian nuclear tests.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. GLENN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas the Government of India conducted an underground nuclear explosion on May 15, 1974;

Whereas, since the 1974 nuclear test by the Government of India, the United States and its allies have worked extensively to prevent the further proliferation of nuclear weapons in South Asia;

Whereas on May 11, 1998, the Government of India conducted underground tests of three separate nuclear explosive devices, including a fission device, a low-yield device, and a thermo-nuclear device;

Whereas this decision by the Government of India has needlessly raised tension in the South Asia region and threatens to exacerbate the nuclear arms race in that region;

Whereas the five declared nuclear weapons states and 144 other nations have signed the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty in hopes of putting a permanent end to nuclear testing;

Whereas the Government of India has refused to sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty;

Whereas the Government of India has refused to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty;

Whereas India has refused to enter into a safeguards agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency covering any of its nuclear research facilities; and

Whereas the Nuclear Proliferation Prevention Act of 1994 requires the President to impose a variety of aid and trade sanctions against any nonnuclear weapons state that detonates a nuclear explosive device: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) condemns in the strongest possible terms  
3       the decision of the Government of India to conduct  
4       three nuclear tests on May 11, 1998;

5               (2) calls upon the President to carry out the  
6       provisions of the Nuclear Proliferation Prevention  
7       Act of 1994 with respect to India and invoke all  
8       sanctions therein;

1           (3) calls upon the Government of India to take  
2           immediate steps to reduce tensions that this unilat-  
3           eral and unnecessary step has caused;

4           (4) expresses its regret that this decision by the  
5           Government of India will, of necessity, negatively af-  
6           fect relations between the United States and India;

7           (5) urges the Government of Pakistan, the Gov-  
8           ernment of the People's Republic of China, and all  
9           governments to exercise restraint in response to the  
10          Indian nuclear tests, in order to avoid further exac-  
11          erbating the nuclear arms race in South Asia;

12          (6) calls upon all governments in the region to  
13          take steps to prevent further proliferation of nuclear  
14          weapons and ballistic missiles; and

15          (7) urges the Government of India to enter into  
16          a safeguards agreement with the International  
17          Atomic Energy Agency which would cover all Indian  
18          nuclear research facilities at the earliest possible  
19          time.

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