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Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding a declaration to resolution
of ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. FORD submitted the following executive resolution; which was referred to
the Committee on Foreign Relations

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding a declaration
to resolution of ratification of the Chemical Weapons
Convention.

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate hereby expresses its inten-
2 tion to give its advice and consent to the ratification of
3 the Chemical Weapons Convention at the appropriate time
4 after the Senate has proceeded to the consideration of the
5 Convention, subject to the following declaration, which
6 would be binding upon the President:

7 (1) CHEMICAL WEAPONS DESTRUCTION.—Prior
8 to the deposit of the United States instrument of
9 ratification of the Convention, the President shall

1 certify to the Congress that all of the following con-
2 ditions are satisfied:

3 (A) EXPLORATION OF ALTERNATIVE TECH-
4 NOLOGIES.—The President has agreed to ex-
5 plore alternative technologies for the destruc-
6 tion of the United States stockpile of chemical
7 weapons in order to ensure that the United
8 States has the safest, most effective and envi-
9 ronmentally sound plans and programs for
10 meeting its obligations under the Convention
11 for the destruction of chemical weapons.

12 (B) CONVENTION EXTENDS DESTRUCTION
13 DEADLINE.—The requirement in section 1412
14 of Public Law 99–145 (50 U.S.C. 1521) for
15 completion of the destruction of the United
16 States stockpile of chemical weapons by Decem-
17 ber 31, 2004 will be superseded upon the date
18 the Convention enters into force with respect to
19 the United States by the deadline required by
20 the Convention of April 29, 2007.

21 (C) AUTHORITY TO EMPLOY A DIFFERENT
22 DESTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY.—The requirement
23 in Article III(1)(a)(v) of the Convention for a
24 declaration by each State party to the Conven-
25 tion, not later than 30 days after the date the

1 Convention enters into force with respect to
2 that party, on general plans of the state party
3 for destruction of its chemical weapons does not
4 preclude the United States from deciding in the
5 future to employ a technology for the destruc-
6 tion of chemical weapons different than that de-
7 clared under that Article.

8 (D) PROCEDURES FOR EXTENSION OF
9 DEADLINE.—The President will consult with
10 Congress on whether to submit a request to the
11 Executive Council of the Organization for the
12 Prohibition of Chemical Weapons for an exten-
13 sion of the deadline for the destruction of chem-
14 ical weapons under the Convention, as provided
15 under part IV(A) of the Annex on Implementa-
16 tion and Verification to the Convention, if, as a
17 result of the program of alternative technologies
18 for the destruction of chemical munitions car-
19 ried out under section 8065 of the Department
20 of Defense Appropriations Act, 1997 (as con-
21 tained in Public Law 104–208), the President
22 determines that alternatives to the incineration
23 of chemical weapons are available that are safer
24 and more environmentally sound but whose use

- 1 would preclude the United States from meeting
- 2 the deadlines of the Convention.

