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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the peace process in Angola.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WATERS (for herself, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. LEE, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. WYNN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the Angolan people continue to suffer the effects of protracted civil war since 1975;

Whereas National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) rebels did not comply with the terms of the Lusaka Protocol peace agreement and plunged Angola back into civil war at the end of 1998;

Whereas the United States is actively engaged in the United States-Angola Bilateral Consultative Commission with the Angolan Government to seek to deepen bilateral relations, to encourage the government to undertake reforms to lay a firm foundation for a lasting peace, and to en-

courage a role for the United States private sector in Angola's reconstruction and economic development;

Whereas the United States has provided more than \$281 million in humanitarian assistance to Angola since 1992 and has been a key facilitator in negotiations between the parties;

Whereas political and civil stabilization is a precondition for growth and development of the sub-Saharan African region;

Whereas an enduring peace in Angola is central to regional stability and economic development and consequently is in the national interest of the United States;

Whereas the regional leaders of all Southern African governments consider the resolution of the war to be a top priority;

Whereas achieving a lasting peace will require that all Angolans work together to overcome bitter legacies of war, which include a devastated infrastructure, millions of unexploded land mines, a profound distrust between the parties, weakened civil institutions, a crippled economy, and a generation of young Angolans who have never known a peaceful, civil society;

Whereas Angola provides over seven percent of United States daily oil imports; and

Whereas determined leadership is essential to ensure that the wealth of Angola, long wasted in waging war, now be used to consolidate peace and invest in national reconstruction and human development: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) supports the people of Angola in their re-
2 commitment to national dialog in pursuit of peace;

3 (2) urges UNITA to suspend hostilities and to
4 pledge to fulfill its commitments under the Lusaka
5 Protocol and also urges the Angolan Government to
6 suspend hostilities;

7 (3) urges the United Nations to swiftly reestab-
8 lish its presence in Angola under its new mandate
9 to promote human rights protection and humani-
10 tarian action;

11 (4) urges the warring parties immediately to es-
12 tablish peace corridors to facilitate the movement of
13 humanitarian assistance to feed the more than one
14 million internally displaced Angolan people;

15 (5) calls upon the international community to
16 remain actively engaged in support of national rec-
17 onciliation, removal of land mines, economic develop-
18 ment, and democratization in Angola;

19 (6) calls upon the Angolan Government to con-
20 tinue to implement elements of the Lusaka Protocol
21 aimed at accelerating the democratic transition;

22 (7) calls upon all parties to recognize and sup-
23 port the broadening and the implementation of the
24 movement for peace which is emerging from reli-
25 gious and civil society organizations in Angola;

1 (8) supports efforts to establish a nonpartisan
2 Angolan Institute for Peace and Development;

3 (9) affirms United States support for Angolan
4 peace through continued direct engagement in the
5 United States-Angola Bilateral Consultative Com-
6 mission;

7 (10) urges the United States to support finan-
8 cially and diplomatically the efforts of the United
9 Nations Committee on Sanctions to identify and rein
10 in all violators of sanctions against diamond and
11 arms sales; and

12 (11) calls on the United Nations to work with
13 Southern Africa Development Community (SADC)
14 to develop a monitoring regime to interdict all sup-
15 plies to UNITA and restrict illegal arms and dia-
16 mond trafficking.

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