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H. CON. RES. 293

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the United Nations should suspend the membership of any state identified as a sponsor of terrorism by the Department of State.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 19, 2001

Mr. Crowley (for himself, Mr. King, and Mr. Cantor) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the United Nations should suspend the membership of any state identified as a sponsor of terrorism by the Department of State.

Whereas all members of the United Nations agree to adhere to the United Nations Charter and the purposes and principles outlined therein;

Whereas chapter 1 of the Charter establishes guidelines governing acceptable conduct of member states;

Whereas according to article 1 of chapter 1 of the Charter, a purpose of the United Nations is to maintain international peace and security and to take effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace, and to bring about, by peaceful means and in conformity with the principles of justice and international law, the adjustment or settlement of international disputes or situations which might lead to a breach of the peace;

- Whereas as outlined in article 2 of chapter 1 of the Charter, all members of the United Nations shall settle their international disputes by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace, security, and justice are not endangered;
- Whereas member states that sponsor terrorism are in violation of the Charter, as terrorist activities are neither a peaceful means of dispute resolution nor in conformity with international law, but rather endanger international peace, security, and justice;
- Whereas the United Nations Declaration to Supplement the 1994 Declaration on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism strongly condemns terrorism and calls upon all states to strengthen international cooperation in combating terrorism;
- Whereas on September 18, 2001, the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 56/1, which calls for international cooperation to prevent and eradicate acts of terrorism, and which stresses that those responsible for aiding, supporting, or harboring the perpetrators, organizers, and sponsors of such acts will be held accountable;
- Whereas each year the Department of State issues a Report on the Global Patterns of Terrorism that identifies state sponsors of terrorism; and
- Whereas members of the United Nations that are correctly identified as sponsors of terrorism in the report are not

fulfilling in good faith the obligations which they assumed as members, and are acting in a manner contrary to the purposes, declarations, and resolutions of the United Nations: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate
- 2 concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that the
- 3 United Nations should suspend the membership of any
- 4 state identified as a sponsor of terrorism by the Depart-
- 5 ment of State until such time as the state takes concerted
- 6 and effective action to eliminate terrorist activities within
- 7 its borders and ceases funding and support for terrorist
- 8 activities outside its borders.

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