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Expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should be an active participant in the United Nations World Conference on Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 2001

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

RESOLUTION

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Whereas racial discrimination, ethnic conflict, and xenophobia persist in various parts of the world despite continuing efforts by the international community;

Whereas in recent years the world has witnessed campaigns of ethnic cleansing;

Whereas racial minorities, migrants, asylum seekers, and indigenous peoples are persistent targets of intolerance and violence;

Whereas millions of human beings continue to encounter discrimination solely due to their race, skin color, or ethnicity;

Whereas early action is required to prevent the growth of ethnic hatred and to diffuse potential violent conflicts;

Whereas the problems associated with racism will be thoroughly explored at the United Nations World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, to be held in Durban, South Africa from August 31 to September 7, 2001;

Whereas this conference will review progress made in the fight against racism and consider ways to better ensure the application of existing standards to combat racism;

Whereas the conference will increase the level of awareness about the scourge of racism and formulate concrete recommendations on ways to increase the effectiveness of the United Nations in dealing with racial issues;

Whereas the conference will review the political, historical, economic, social, cultural, and other factors leading to racism and racial discrimination and formulate concrete recommendations to further action-oriented national, regional, and international measures to combat racism;

Whereas the conference will draw up concrete recommendations to ensure that the United Nations has the resources to actively combat racism and racial discrimination; and

Whereas the United States is a member of the United Nations: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—
- 2 (1) the United States should attend and participate fully in the United Nations World Conference

1 on Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and
2 Related Intolerance;

3 (2) the delegation sent to the conference by the
4 United States should reflect the racial and geo-
5 graphic diversity of the United States; and

6 (3) the President should support the conference
7 and should act in such a way as to facilitate sub-
8 stantial United States involvement in the conference.

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