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Condemning the terrorist bombings in Saudi Arabia, Morocco, and Israel, urging strengthened efforts in the fight against terrorism, and calling upon the Palestinian Authority to take effective action against terrorism.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANTOS (for himself and Mr. BLUNT) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Condemning the terrorist bombings in Saudi Arabia, Morocco, and Israel, urging strengthened efforts in the fight against terrorism, and calling upon the Palestinian Authority to take effective action against terrorism.

Whereas al-Qaeda and organized terrorism remain a primary threat to the civilized world, as demonstrated by the 14 murderous attacks carried out in little over a week by suicide bombers and car-bombers in the Middle East that resulted in 87 dead, including at least 7 Americans, and nearly 400 wounded;

Whereas these attacks demonstrate the deadly and evil persistence of organized terrorism aimed at civilized values;

Whereas the May 12 attacks in Riyadh underscore once again the intimate relationship between al-Qaeda and Saudi so-

ciety, which continues to incubate the hate and religious fanaticism that spawns terrorism;

Whereas Israel and Israelis were victimized by 5 Palestinian suicide bombings within 48 hours, and this most recent wave of anti-Israeli suicide bombings which began just before Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas held their first-ever summit and continued thereafter, and this most recent wave of Palestinian terrorism was clearly and perversely intended both to shed innocent Israeli blood and to use these acts of murder to undermine Israeli-Palestinian peace efforts and the fledgling Abbas government;

Whereas the coincidence of the suicide bombings and the Sharon-Abbas summit demonstrate once again that there can be no serious peace effort until Palestinian terrorism is ended;

Whereas the unconscionable rise of Palestinian terrorism since September 2000 has been, in significant part, a result of Yasir Arafat's cynical manipulation, and he has opposed and continues to oppose all serious efforts to combat violence and terrorism and to achieve internal Palestinian reform, including reform of the Palestinian security services; and

Whereas Arafat seeks international contacts and legitimacy for the sake of undermining Palestinian efforts to reform, to fight violence and terrorism, and to achieve peace with Israel: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) condemns in the harshest terms the recent
- 3 wave of terrorism in the Middle East, including the

1 bombings of May 12 in Saudi Arabia, May 17 in
2 Morocco, and May 17–19 in Israel, the West Bank,
3 and Gaza;

4 (2) expresses deepest condolences to the fami-
5 lies, relatives, and friends of the victims;

6 (3) commits to strengthening United States ef-
7 forts in the global war against terrorism;

8 (4) urges all states, including those in the Arab
9 world, to intensify their anti-terrorist efforts, espe-
10 cially their anti-terrorist cooperation with the United
11 States;

12 (5) declares that it is imperative that Saudi
13 Arabia, in particular, fully cooperate with all United
14 States anti-terrorist investigations and other such
15 efforts, that it cease the preaching of anti-Western,
16 anti-U.S., anti-Christian, anti-Semitic, and anti-
17 Israeli hatred in its schools, media, and mosques,
18 and that it block all funding of Islamic terrorist
19 groups by Saudi nationals;

20 (6) concludes that murderous attacks in Israel,
21 the West Bank, and Gaza, including suicide bomb-
22 ings, perpetrated by Hamas, Palestinian Islamic
23 Jihad, al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade, and other terrorist
24 organizations are fully part of a global terrorist cam-
25 paign;

1 (7) affirms that there can be no progress to-
2 ward Middle East peace until the Palestinian Au-
3 thority takes decisive action against terrorism;

4 (8) emphasizes that the recent suicide bombings
5 in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza highlight the ur-
6 gent need for Palestinian Authority Prime Minister
7 Abbas immediately to begin to demonstrate his de-
8 termination and ability effectively to fight terrorism;

9 (9) underscores that the peace process, as based
10 on the “roadmap” or any other conceivable docu-
11 ment or methodology, will only progress if it is per-
12 formance-based without regard to arbitrary
13 timelines;

14 (10) urges diplomats, officials, and other rep-
15 resentatives of “the Quartet,” meaning the Euro-
16 pean Union, Russia, and the United Nations, as well
17 as the United States, in order most effectively to
18 serve the causes of Palestinian internal reform, anti-
19 terrorism efforts, and peace with Israel, to direct its
20 official contacts with the Palestinians solely through
21 the Palestinian Authority prime minister and his au-
22 thorized representatives; and

23 (11) further urges diplomats, officials, and
24 other representatives of the Quartet to avoid any

- 1 further direct communication or meetings with Yasir
- 2 Arafat.

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