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# H. RES. 27

Concerning the establishment of a permanent United Nations security force.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WYNN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on International Relations

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# RESOLUTION

Concerning the establishment of a permanent United Nations  
security force.

Whereas, since 1948, the United Nations has established  
more than 50 peacekeeping operations;

Whereas on May 3, 1994, President Clinton issued a presi-  
dential decision directive (PDD 25) stating that properly  
conceived and well executed peacekeeping operations are  
a useful element in serving the United States interests  
and that the primary objective of the United States  
Armed Forces is to be prepared to fight and win two si-  
multaneous regional conflicts;

Whereas international peacekeeping operations are a useful  
tool to help prevent and resolve regional conflicts before  
they pose a direct threat to United States national secu-  
rity;

Whereas international peacekeeping operations serve the interests of the United States by promoting democracy, regional security, and economic growth;

Whereas on February 23, 1999, United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan stated, “It is sadly clear that the need for United Nations peacekeeping will continue and, indeed, will probably grow. And it is very much in America’s national interest to support an international response to conflicts, even those which seem remote, because, in today’s interconnected world, they seldom remained confined to one country or even one region. Take Rwanda for example. The failure of the international community to respond effectively led not only to genocide in Rwanda itself, but also to the exodus of refugees and combatants across the borders. Because we failed to act in time, seven countries are now fighting each other in a mineral-rich region which should have been a prime area for investment and development. Is this something the United States can afford to ignore?”;

Whereas United Nations efforts in Cambodia led to an election protected by peacekeepers, the return of hundreds of thousands of refugees, and the end of a destabilizing regional conflict;

Whereas United Nations sponsored elections in El Salvador helped to end a long and bitter civil war;

Whereas United Nations supervision of Namibia’s transition to independence removed a potential source of conflict in strategic southern Africa and promoted democracy;

Whereas United Nations operations in Cyprus have prevented the outbreak of war between two NATO allies;

Whereas United Nations operations in the Golan Heights  
have helped to preserve peace between Israel and Syria;  
and

Whereas international peacekeeping operations have proven  
invaluable over the years in deterring conflict and war  
throughout the world: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

3       This Resolution may be cited as the “United Nations  
4 Peacekeepers Resolution of 2003”.

5       **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF SECURITY FORCE.**

6       It is the sense of the House of Representatives that  
7 the United Nations should establish a permanent standing  
8 United Nations security force as follows:

9               (1) The United Nations security force should be  
10       composed of not more than 15,000 volunteers from  
11       the United Nations member countries, who are re-  
12       cruited, trained, employed, and compensated directly  
13       by the United Nations.

14              (2) The United Nations security force should be  
15       trained and equipped specifically for rapid deploy-  
16       ment in international peacekeeping operations con-  
17       ducted under chapter VI or VII of the United Na-  
18       tions Charter. Rapid deployment of such a force  
19       means the capacity to deploy to an affected region  
20       within 21 days of the enactment of a United Nations

1 Security Council resolution authorizing deployment.  
2 The period of deployment of the United Nations se-  
3 curity force should be limited to a maximum of six  
4 months.

5 (3) The United Nations security force should be  
6 deployed only under the authority of a resolution of  
7 the United Nations Security Council. The com-  
8 mander in chief of the United Nations security force  
9 should be the Secretary General of the United Na-  
10 tions.

11 **SEC. 3. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE AMBASSADOR.**

12 The House of Representatives urges the President to  
13 instruct the United States Ambassador to the United Na-  
14 tions to encourage efforts in the United Nations to estab-  
15 lish such a permanent United Nations security force.

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