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Urging the President to immediately instruct the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense to respectively begin initiating consultations with other members of the United Nations Security Council concerning a United Nations Security Council Resolution for Iraq, and with the Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) concerning a mandate for a NATO commitment for security in Iraq, with the goal of securing both not later than May 15, 2004.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 8, 2004

Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. CORZINE, and Mrs. BOXER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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Whereas there are currently as many as 150,000 military personnel stationed in Iraq, including more than 100,000

from the United States and approximately 24,000 from coalition member nations;

Whereas United States military personnel in Iraq continue to perform their duties with the highest degree of professionalism, patriotism, and heroism;

Whereas more than 600 United States military service members have lost their lives and more than 2,988 have been wounded in action in Iraq since the beginning of military action in March 2003;

Whereas since March 2003, the United States has allocated at least \$110,000,000,000 for military action, relief, reconstruction, and security operations in Iraq;

Whereas on June 30, 2004, the United States is scheduled to turn over control of Iraq to a Transitional Iraqi Government;

Whereas the creation of a stable, secure, and democratic Iraq will strengthen regional, international, and United States national security;

Whereas following recent violent unrest in Baghdad and Fallujah, the United States Central Command Chief, General John Abizaid, asked United States military staff to examine options for sending more troops to Iraq;

Whereas a significant North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) security presence in Iraq would greatly reduce the threat to United States service members currently stationed in that country;

Whereas a United Nations and a NATO presence in Iraq would lessen the financial burden on the United States;

Whereas NATO has played an integral role in efforts to restore and maintain order in Bosnia, Kosovo, and Afghanistan;

Whereas a comprehensive NATO mandate for peacekeeping operations and a comprehensive United Nations mandate for nation-building in Iraq would greatly increase the legitimacy of the presence of the United States and other members of the international community in that country, as well as the chances of success in establishing a democratic and stable nation for the Iraqi people; and

Whereas such a United Nations mandate will not be achievable without the adoption of a United Nations Security Council Resolution establishing such mandate: Now, therefore be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) applauds the dedication, professionalism,
3 and patriotism of United States military service
4 members serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around
5 the world, and remains committed to providing them
6 with all the resources that they need to return home
7 safely when their missions are complete;

8 (2) reaffirms its commitment to the creation of
9 a stable, secure, and democratic Iraq;

10 (3) recognizes the important role that a United
11 Nations mandate to assist the new Iraqi Government
12 and a North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
13 mandate for peacekeeping in Iraq could play in
14 achieving these goals;

1 (4) urges the President to immediately instruct
2 the Secretary of State to begin initiating consulta-
3 tions with other members of the United Nations Se-
4 curity Council concerning the United Nations man-
5 date for Iraq, with the goal of securing a United Na-
6 tions Security Council Resolution authorizing such
7 mandate not later than May 15, 2004; and

8 (5) urges the President to immediately instruct
9 the Secretary of Defense to initiate consultations
10 with the Secretary General of NATO and other
11 NATO members with the goal of securing a decision
12 by NATO not later than May 15, 2004, to deploy
13 forces in Iraq beginning June 30, 2004, in order to
14 assist Iraqi military and security forces and to es-
15 tablish and maintain a security umbrella to facilitate
16 the work of the United Nations and the interim
17 Iraqi government in building democratic institutions
18 and preparing for nationwide elections in 2005.

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