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S. RES. 480

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the Chemical Weapons
Convention.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 16, 2006

Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. McCONNELL, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

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Weapons Convention.

Whereas the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, done at Paris on January 13, 1993 (commonly referred to as the “Chemical Weapons Convention”), requires all United States chemical weapons stockpiles be destroyed by April 29, 2012;

Whereas, on April 10, 2006, the Department of Defense notified Congress that the United States would not meet the deadline under the Chemical Weapons Convention for destruction of United States chemical weapons stockpiles;

Whereas, destroying existing chemical weapons is a homeland security imperative, an arms control priority, and required by United States law; and

Whereas, the elimination and nonproliferation of chemical weapons of mass destruction is of utmost importance to the national security of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) the United States is committed to making
3 every effort to safely dispose of its chemical weapons
4 stockpiles by the Chemical Weapons Convention
5 deadline of April 29, 2012, or as soon thereafter as
6 possible, and will carry out all of its other obligations
7 under the Convention; and

8 (2) the Secretary of Defense should prepare a
9 comprehensive schedule for safely destroying the
10 United States chemical weapons stockpiles to prevent
11 further delays in the destruction of such stockpiles,
12 and the schedule should be submitted annually
13 to the congressional defense committees separately
14 or as part of another required report.

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