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# S. RES. 570

Calling for continued support for and an increased effort by the Governments of Pakistan, Afghanistan, and other Central Asian countries to effectively monitor and regulate the manufacture, sale, transport, and use of ammonium nitrate fertilizer in order to prevent the transport of ammonium nitrate into Afghanistan where the ammonium nitrate is used in improvised explosive devices.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 28, 2010

Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KAUFMAN, Mr. WEBB, Mr. REED, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. KYL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas it is illegal to manufacture, own, or use ammonium nitrate fertilizer in Afghanistan since a ban was instituted by Afghan President Hamid Karzai in January 2010;

Whereas ammonium nitrate fertilizer has historically been and continues to be 1 of the primary explosive ingredients used in improvised explosive devices (referred to in this preamble as “IEDs”) by Taliban insurgents in Afghanistan against the United States and coalition forces;

Whereas 275 United States troops were killed by IEDs in Afghanistan in 2009;

Whereas large amounts of ammonium nitrate are shipped into Afghanistan from Pakistan, Iran, and other Central Asian countries;

Whereas the Government of Pakistan has indicated a willingness to work collaboratively with the Governments of the United States and Afghanistan to address the regulation and interdiction of ammonium nitrate fertilizer and other IED precursors; and

Whereas the United States government currently provides assistance to Pakistan for agricultural development and capacity building: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) urges the Governments of Pakistan, Af-  
3               ghanistan, and other Central Asian countries to fully  
4               commit to regulating the sale, transport, and use of  
5               ammonium nitrate in the region;

6               (2) calls on the Secretary of State—

7                       (A) to continue to diplomatically engage  
8               with the Governments of Pakistan, Afghani-  
9               stan, and other Central Asian countries to ad-  
10              dress the proliferation and transportation of

1 ammonium nitrate and other improvised explo-  
2 sive device (“IED”) precursors in the region;  
3 and

4 (B) to work with the World Customs Orga-  
5 nization and other international bodies, as the  
6 Secretary of State determines to be appropriate,  
7 on initiatives to improve controls globally on  
8 IED components; and

9 (3) urges the Secretary of State to work with  
10 the Governments of Pakistan, Afghanistan, and  
11 other Central Asian countries to encourage and sup-  
12 port improvements in infrastructure and procedures  
13 at border crossings to prevent the flow of ammonium  
14 nitrate and other IED precursors or components  
15 into the region.

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