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Concerning the efforts to end the civil war in Liberia.

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Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. WASHINGTON, Mr. HUGHES, Mr. WYNN, Mr. GLICKMAN, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. MFUME, Mr. BALLENGER, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. TUCKER, Mr. REYNOLDS, Mr. BLACKWELL, Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Ms. BROWN of Florida) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Concerning the efforts to end the civil war in Liberia.

Whereas civil war has torn Liberia since 1989, when forces of the National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL) attacked the Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL) for control of the country;

Whereas the civil war in Liberia has caused over $\frac{1}{2}$ of the 2,700,000 Liberians to become refugees or displaced persons within their own country and has resulted in the rape, torture, and execution of innocent Liberian civilians, with the civilian death toll reaching over 13,000 individuals;

Whereas the civil war in Liberia threatens the stability of neighboring countries in West Africa;

Whereas the United States has long supported the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) in its efforts to quell the civil war in Liberia;

Whereas in 1991 in Yamoussoukro, Ivory Coast, ECOWAS, NPFL, and the interim Liberian Government headed by Amos Sawyer signed several accords which outline plans for a cease-fire, the disarmament and encampment of warring factions, and the holding of free and fair elections in Liberia;

Whereas NPFL has failed to honor its commitments to the Yamoussoukro Accords;

Whereas West African Economic Community Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) peacekeeping forces have been deployed in Liberia since August 1990 and have enforced a cease-fire from December 1990 to October 1992;

Whereas ECOMOG is a force of 11,000 troops from Ghana, Guinea, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone, with the majority of such troops coming from Nigeria;

Whereas, since ECOMOG forces secured Monrovia, the capital of Liberia, an interim government and humanitarian aid organizations have been able to operate out of the city;

Whereas, due to the presence of such forces in Monrovia, the number of malnourished Liberians has dropped from 80 percent to 4 percent since 1990, and economic activity has resumed, including the opening of banks and restoration of international trade;

Whereas such forces are becoming increasingly involved in the fighting in Liberia as NPFL forces continue to vio-

late the Yamoussoukro Accords and launch offensives against the ECOMOG forces; and

Whereas ECOMOG forces are gaining territory in their effort to combat offensives by NPFL forces and the ECOMOG forces have reduced the NPFL's territorial control from 90 percent to 45 percent of Liberia: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) praises the Economic Community of West
4 African States (ECOWAS) and the West African
5 Economic Community Monitoring Group
6 (ECOMOG) for their efforts to provide a regional
7 approach toward ending the civil war in Liberia;

8 (2) commends ECOMOG for its efforts to se-
9 cure areas of Liberia in order to ensure that critical
10 humanitarian assistance reaches the needy masses;

11 (3) supports ECOMOG in its efforts to combat,
12 disarm, and encamp National Patriotic Front of Li-
13 beria (NPFL) forces and all other armed factions
14 for the purpose of ending civil war and calling for
15 free and fair elections in Liberia in accordance with
16 the Yamoussoukro Accords;

17 (4) endorses United Nations Security Council
18 Resolutions 788 (November 4, 1992) and 813
19 (March 26, 1993) relating to peacekeeping efforts in
20 Liberia, welcomes the appointment of Trevor Living-

1 ston Gordon-Somers as the Secretary General's Spe-
2 cial Representative on Liberia, and encourages the
3 United Nations and the international community to
4 take concrete steps to support ECOWAS efforts to
5 implement the Yamoussoukro Accords;

6 (5) urges the President to become more actively
7 involved in assisting ECOWAS in its effort to pro-
8 mote a peaceful resolution to the civil war in Liberia
9 and to implement the Yamoussoukro Accords; and

10 (6) urges the President, the United Nations,
11 and the international community to continue to sup-
12 port ECOWAS in its effort to provide a regional ap-
13 proach to peaceful conflict resolution in West Africa.

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