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# H. RES. 273

Condemning the military intervention by the Government of the Republic of Angola into the Republic of the Congo, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 21, 1997

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. ROYCE, and Mr. HASTINGS of Florida) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## RESOLUTION

Condemning the military intervention by the Government of the Republic of Angola into the Republic of the Congo, and for other purposes.

Whereas President Pascal Lissouba defeated former President Denis Sassou-Nguesso in a 1992 election in the Republic of the Congo that was determined to be free and fair;

Whereas in October 1997 troops of the Government of the Republic of Angola assisted in the capture of Pointe Noire, a city in the southern part of the Republic of the Congo;

Whereas the Government of Angola sent more than 1,000 troops into the Republic of the Congo from neighboring

Cabinda, including a MiG-23 fighter and ground attack squadrons;

Whereas the Government of Angola provided military supplies and support to former President Denis Sassou-Nguesso to assist his efforts to unseat the democratically-elected President Pascal Lissouba;

Whereas the Lusaka Protocol of 1994 requires that the Government of Angola inform the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (MONUA) of any troop movements;

Whereas the actions by Angola are a violation of Article 2 of the United Nations Charter which forbids member states from “the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state”; and

Whereas the actions by Angola are a violation of Article III of the Organization of African Unity Charter which mandates “Respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of each State”: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) condemns the military intervention by the  
3       Government of the Republic of Angola into the Re-  
4       public of the Congo;

5               (2) calls on the Government of Angola to imme-  
6       diately withdraw all military troops, supplies, and  
7       other assistance from the Republic of the Congo;

8               (3) encourages the United States Government  
9       to condemn the military intervention by the Govern-  
10      ment of Angola into the Republic of the Congo and  
11      its violation of the Lusaka Protocol, the United Na-

1 tions Charter, and the Organization of African  
2 Unity Charter;

3 (4) urges the United States Government to  
4 withhold any military training and assistance to An-  
5 gola until it ceases all military activities in the Re-  
6 public of the Congo; and

7 (5) expresses concern that the United States  
8 Government has sought to strengthen military ties  
9 with the Government of Angola in advance of the  
10 full implementation of the Lusaka Protocol and the  
11 full integration of the Angolan military.

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