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Concerning the Palestinian Authority and the sale of land to Israelis.

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Mr. D'AMATO (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mr. MACK, and Mr. SPECTER) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Concerning the Palestinian Authority and the sale of land to Israelis.

Whereas the Palestinian Authority Justice Minister Freih Abu Medein announced last month that anyone selling land to Jews was committing a crime punishable by death;

Whereas since this announcement three Palestinian individuals were murdered in the Jerusalem and Ramallah areas for, what would anywhere else in the world be considered normal business activity—selling real estate;

Whereas recently Israeli police managed to foil the attempted abduction of a fourth person;

Whereas Israeli security services have acquired evidence indicating the intelligence service of the Palestinian Author-

ity were directly involved in at least two of these murders;

Whereas subsequent statements by high-ranking Palestinian Authority officials have justified these murders which have further encouraged this intolerable policy;

Whereas the Palestinian Authority has failed to condemn the policy of murdering people for business transactions;

Whereas this policy is in direct contravention to the peace agreements already reached between the Palestinian Authority and the State of Israel; and

Whereas credible evidence exists that the Palestinian Authority has played an active role in these murders and in enforcing this policy: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) the Clinton administration should thor-
4 oughly investigate the Palestinian Authority role in
5 enforcing this racist policy and should immediately
6 report to the Congress its findings;

7 (2) the Palestinian Authority, with Yasser
8 Arafat as its chairman, must immediately issue a
9 public and unequivocal statement denouncing these
10 acts and this policy;

11 (3) this policy is an affront to all those who
12 place high value on peace and basic human rights;
13 and

1 (4) the United States should not provide for-
2 eign assistance to the Palestinian Authority until
3 this policy is reversed.

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