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H. CON. RES. 159

Urging the compliance by Turkey with United Nations Resolutions relating to Cyprus.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. HORN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HOLDEN, Mrs. CAPPES, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. KLINK, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. VISCLOSKEY, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. PORTER, Mr. DIXON, and Mr. EVANS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Urging the compliance by Turkey with United Nations Resolutions relating to Cyprus.

Whereas the Republic of Cyprus remains forcibly divided and occupied by foreign forces in violation of several United Nations resolutions;

Whereas the international community and the United States Government have repeatedly called for the speedy withdrawal of all foreign forces from the territory of Cyprus;

Whereas the House of Representatives has endorsed the objective of the total demilitarization of Cyprus;

Whereas a peaceful, just, and lasting solution to the Cyprus problem would greatly benefit the security and the political, economic, and social well-being of all Cypriots, as well as contribute to improved relations between Greece and Turkey;

Whereas a lasting solution to the Cyprus problem would also strengthen peace and stability in the Eastern Mediterranean and serve important interests of the United States;

Whereas the United Nations has repeatedly stated the parameters for such a solution, recently, in United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1217 and 1218, adopted on December 22, 1998, with the support of the United States;

Whereas Resolution 1217 reaffirms “that a Cyprus settlement must be based on a State of Cyprus with a single sovereignty and international personality and a single citizenship with its independence and territorial integrity safeguarded and comprised of two politically equal communities as described in the relevant Security Council resolutions, a bicomunal and bizonal federation”;

Whereas Resolution 1218 requests the United Nations Secretary General to work intensively with the two sides for “the achievement of substantive progress on the core aspects of a comprehensive Cyprus settlement” and for the reduction of tensions “through a staged process aimed at limiting and then substantially reducing the level of all troops and armaments on Cyprus”;

Whereas President Clinton expressed wholehearted United States support for Security Council Resolution 1218 and

pledged United States commitment for taking all necessary steps to support a sustained effort to implement it;

Whereas on December 29, 1998, President Glafcos Clerides of Cyprus made a unilateral decision not to import or deploy the S-300 antiaircraft missile system in Cyprus, thereby demonstrating Cyprus' commitment to comply with the most recent United Nations resolutions;

Whereas on June 29, 1999, the United Nations Security Council unanimously adopted Resolutions 1250 and 1251;

Whereas Resolution 1250 requests the Secretary-General, in accordance with the relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions, to invite the leaders of the 2 sides, President Clerides of the Republic of Cyprus and Mr. Denktash representing the Turkish-Cypriots, to negotiations in the autumn of 1999;

Whereas Resolution 1250 "calls upon the two leaders, in this context, to commit themselves to the following principles: no preconditions, all issues on the table, commitment in good faith to continue to negotiate until a settlement is reached, and full consideration of relevant United Nations resolutions and treaties";

Whereas Resolution 1251 "extends the mandate of the United Nations Peacekeeping Forces in Cyprus for a further period ending 15 December 1999"; and

Whereas the heads of States of the Group of Eight (G-8) countries, of which the United States is one, and 5 of whom are members of the Security Council, have urged the Secretary-General "in accordance with relevant Security Council resolutions to invite the leaders of the two

parties to negotiations in the fall of 1999”: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) commends President Glafcos Clerides of
4 Cyprus for his decision to cancel the deployment of
5 the S-300 anti-aircraft missiles in Cyprus;

6 (2) urges the President of the United States to
7 use the influence of the United States Government
8 to ensure full compliance with the call of the Group
9 of Eight (G-8) leaders and United Nations Security
10 Council Resolution 1250 for comprehensive negotia-
11 tions, without preconditions, in the autumn of 1999;
12 and

13 (3) believes that any solution must be based on
14 all relevant United Nations Security Council Resolu-
15 tions, including Resolution 1217 which states, “that
16 a Cyprus settlement must be based on a State of Cy-
17 prus with a single sovereignty and international per-
18 sonality and a single citizenship, with its independ-
19 ence and territorial integrity safeguarded, and com-
20 prising of two politically equal communities as de-
21 scribed in the relevant Security Council resolutions,
22 in a bi-communal and bi-zonal federation, and that
23 such a settlement must exclude union in whole or in

- 1 part with any other country or any form of partition
- 2 or secession”.

