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H. RES. 361

Urging the President to condition discussions about Turkey's foreign military finances on resolution of that nation's hostile occupation of the Republic of Cyprus.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 4, 1999

Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, and Mr. MENENDEZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Urging the President to condition discussions about Turkey's foreign military finances on resolution of that nation's hostile occupation of the Republic of Cyprus.

Whereas for 25 years Turkey has illegally and aggressively occupied 37 percent of the Republic of Cyprus and during that time has continually violated the will of the United States and the United Nations to cease its illegal occupation of Cyprus;

Whereas Turkey has been using military weapons and equipment illegally by maintaining a military force of 35,000 troops in an occupied territory;

Whereas it is the position of the Clinton Administration that a settlement to the Cyprus problem should be based on

United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1217 and 1250, which both state “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 comprising two politically equal communities as described in the relevant Security Council resolutions, in a bi-communal and bi-zonal federation”;

Whereas Rauf Denktash, the self-proclaimed leader of the so-called Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, has repeatedly refused to attend United Nations sponsored talks with the President of Cyprus, Glafcos Clerides, without an initial recognition of his breakaway Turkish-Cypriot state in the Turkish occupied north of the island, which continues to be recognized only by Turkey;

Whereas Turkey and Mr. Denktash continue to refuse all international efforts to reach a lasting agreement with Cyprus; and

Whereas Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit, on his visit with President Clinton in September 1999, sought forgiveness of Turkey’s direct and guaranteed loans of the foreign military finance debt, totaling approximately \$3 billion: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that the President should—

3 (1) condition any discussion of Turkey’s debt
4 relief or debt refinancing of foreign military finance
5 direct or guaranteed loans on finding a solution to
6 the Cyprus problem; and

1 (2) condition any discussion pertaining to dis-
2 bursement of Turkey's foreign military finance
3 undisbursed direct or guaranteed loans on settle-
4 ment of the Cyprus situation.

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