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H. RES. 457

Calling on the Russian Federation to withdraw its military forces, armaments, and ammunition stockpiles from the sovereign territory of the Republic of Moldova.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCCOTTER (for himself, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. SHUSTER, and Mr. TANCREDO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Calling on the Russian Federation to withdraw its military forces, armaments, and ammunition stockpiles from the sovereign territory of the Republic of Moldova.

Whereas at the 1999 Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Summit in Istanbul, Turkey, the Russian Federation committed to completely withdraw its military forces from the territory of the Republic of Moldova by the end of 2002;

Whereas at the 2002 OSCE Ministerial Council in Porto, Portugal, the Russian Federation agreed to complete the withdrawal of its military forces from the territory of Moldova by December 31, 2003;

Whereas the Russian Federation ceased its withdrawal of military forces from the Transnistrian region of Moldova on March 24, 2004, and has yet to show any intention of continuing its withdrawal process;

Whereas 1,250 Russian soldiers remain stationed in the Transnistrian region of Moldova against the will of the Moldovan people;

Whereas the presence of Russian military forces in the Transnistrian region of Moldova is a clear violation of Moldova's territorial sovereignty;

Whereas the Russian Federation as a participating state in the OSCE is obligated to “. . . respect the territorial integrity of each of the participating States . . . [and] refrain from making each other's territory the object of military occupation . . .”; and

Whereas Russia's failure to withdraw troops from the Transnistrian region of Moldova is a violation of its commitments as a member of the OSCE: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) calls upon the Russian Federation to fulfill
3 its commitments and unconditionally withdraw its
4 military forces, under OSCE observation and
5 verification, from the Transnistrian region of the
6 Republic of Moldova;

7 (2) calls upon the Russian Federation to re-
8 move or destroy all of its armaments and ammuni-
9 tion stockpiles in the Transnistrian region of
10 Moldova; and

1 (3) declares the present armed forces stationed
2 in the Security Zone of Moldova should be replaced
3 with a multinational peacekeeping contingent under
4 an OSCE mandate.

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