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# S. RES. 160

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the October 21, 1993, attempted coup d'etat in Burundi, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 2, 1993

Mr. DURENBERGER (for himself, Mr. SIMON, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. KASSEBAUM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. PELL, and Mr. KENNEDY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

NOVEMBER 18 (legislative day, NOVEMBER 2), 1993

Reported by Mr. PELL, without amendment

NOVEMBER 20 (legislative day, NOVEMBER 2), 1993

Considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the October 21, 1993, attempted coup d'etat in Burundi, and for other purposes.

Whereas Burundi has a long history of military rule and ethnic conflict between the majority Hutu and the minority Tutsi;

Whereas on March 9, 1992, the people of Burundi adopted a democratic constitution, leading to Burundi's first multiparty elections on June 1, 1993, through which

Melchoir Ndadaye was overwhelmingly elected president in a free and fair election;

Whereas President Ndadaye had shown his commitment to ethnic reconciliation and democracy by appointing members of the opposition to key government posts;

Whereas recent years have also witnessed a period of ethnic reconciliation in Burundi, in large part because of policies implemented by former President Buyoya;

Whereas on October 21, 1993, President Ndadaye and other senior government officials were murdered by coup plotters; and

Whereas the attempted coup and murder of President Ndadaye sparked ethnically motivated attacks throughout the country, resulting in widespread deaths and approximately 500,000 refugees fleeing to neighboring Rwanda, Tanzania, and Zaire: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2           (1) strongly condemns the attempted coup  
3       d'etat in Burundi and the murder of President  
4       Ndadaye;

5           (2) commends the people of Burundi for their  
6       commitment to democracy by adopting a constitu-  
7       tion and holding free and fair elections, and for their  
8       respect for the democratic process;

9           (3) urges the people of Burundi to help end  
10      ethnic strife that has caused untold suffering;

1           (4) encourages the people of Burundi to con-  
2           tinue their commitment to ethnic reconciliation and  
3           democracy;

4           (5) commends the Clinton administration for its  
5           prompt condemnation of the October 21, 1993, coup  
6           in Burundi; and for the immediate suspension of for-  
7           eign assistance to Burundi;

8           (6) calls upon the Organization of African  
9           Unity (OAU) to bolster and support the continu-  
10          ation of democracy and the end of ethnic strife in  
11          Burundi; and

12          (7) calls upon the international community to  
13          assist the OAU in its efforts to strengthen democ-  
14          racy in Burundi and to address the humanitarian  
15          needs of Burundian refugees in Rwanda, Tanzania,  
16          and Zaire.

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