

105TH CONGRESS  
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# H. RES. 333

Expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should support Italy's inclusion as a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council if there is to be an expansion of this important international body.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 13, 1997

Mr. GEPHARDT (for himself, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. PASCRELL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas Italy organized and led a multi-national peace enforcement operation in Albania last spring under United Nations authority to restore order and organize democratic elections;

Whereas Italy provided the second largest United Nations troop contingent in Somalia;

Whereas in 1983 Italy joined the United States in a multilateral force to bring peace and stability to Lebanon and

Italy still participates in the ongoing U.N. peacekeeping force in Lebanon;

Whereas Italy brokered the peace settlement in Mozambique and led the peacekeeping force that implemented it;

Whereas Italy hosts at Brindisi the sole United Nations logistical base supporting peacekeeping operations worldwide;

Whereas Italy's strategic location in the Mediterranean makes it an indispensable partner in security operations in multiple zones of instability;

Whereas Italy hosts airbases from which the United States and its NATO partners have conducted air operations over the former Yugoslavia;

Whereas Italy is the world's fifth largest economy and next year becomes the U.N.'s fifth largest assessed contributor;

Whereas Italy's contribution to the U.N. is greater than that of Britain, Russia and China, three permanent members of the Security Council;

Whereas President Clinton stated, "Italy has been and continues to be one of our closest allies and strategic partners in the world community; and

Whereas the U.S. State Department has been actively supporting a reorganization plan that would give Germany and Japan permanent seats on the United Nations Security Council, to the exclusion of Italy: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the*  
2 Congress—

1           (1) urges the President to oppose any reorga-  
2           nization plan for the expansion of the Security  
3           Council which does not include Italy;

4           (2) urges the President to support Italy's inclu-  
5           sion as a permanent member if there is to be an ex-  
6           pansion of the United Nations Security Council; and

7           (3) urges the State Department to develop a re-  
8           organization plan of the United Nations Security  
9           Council that would incorporate nations that have  
10          played a significant role in fostering world peace and  
11          stability such as Italy.

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