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S. RES. 181

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the situation in East Timor.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 10, 1999

Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. CHAFEE, and Mr. WELLSTONE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

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in East Timor.

Whereas on May 5, 1999, the Governments of Indonesia and Portugal signed an agreement that provided for an August 8, 1999, ballot organized by the United Nations on the political status of East Timor;

Whereas under the May 5th agreement the Government of Indonesia freely agreed to be responsible for establishing a secure environment in East Timor that would be free of intimidation and violence;

Whereas on August 30, 1999, 78 percent of the people in East Timor voted for independence; and

Whereas, after the vote for independence, the militias in East Timor intensified their reign of terror against the people

of East Timor unrestrained by the Government of Indonesia: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE SITU-**
 3 **ATION IN EAST TIMOR.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Senate hereby—

5 (1) congratulates the people of East Timor for
 6 their heroic vote on August 30, 1999;

7 (2) recognizes that the people of East Timor
 8 voted for independence;

9 (3) condemns the violence of the militias in
 10 East Timor and the inaction by the Government of
 11 Indonesia to end the violence; and

12 (4) calls on the Government of Indonesia to end
 13 all violence in accordance with the May 5, 1999
 14 agreement.

15 (b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the
 16 Senate that—

17 (1) the President of the United States should
 18 instruct the United States Permanent Representa-
 19 tive to the United Nations to immediately seek the
 20 United Nations Security Council authorization for
 21 the deployment of an international force to address
 22 the security situation in East Timor; and

23 (2) the United States should assist in this ef-
 24 fort in an appropriate manner.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSMITTAL OF RESOLUTION.**

2 The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy
3 of this resolution to the President.

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