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S. CON. RES. 122

Expressing the sense of Congress that security, reconciliation, and prosperity for all Cypriots can be best achieved within the context of membership in the European Union which will provide significant rights and obligations for all Cypriots, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 19, 2002

Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mrs. CARNAHAN, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. HARKIN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

AUGUST 1, 2002

Reported by Mr. BIDEN, with an amendment and an amendment to the preamble

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that security, reconciliation, and prosperity for all Cypriots can be best achieved within the context of membership in the European Union which will provide significant rights and obligations for all Cypriots, and for other purposes.

Whereas the status quo on Cyprus remains unacceptable;

Whereas a just and lasting resolution of the Cyprus problem, on the basis of United Nations Security Council resolutions, must safeguard the security and fundamental rights of all citizens of Cyprus, Greek-Cypriots and Turkish-Cypriots alike;

Whereas Cyprus is among the leading candidate countries for accession to the European Union, in recognition of its commitment to free markets, human rights, democracy, and the rule of law;

Whereas the European Union guarantees to all its citizens the indivisible universal values of human dignity (supporting fair and equal treatment of all), freedom (right to security, marriage, family, among others), equality (celebrating cultural, religious, and linguistic diversity), solidarity (protecting workers' rights and providing social security), citizens' rights (voting), and justice (holding a fair trial);

Whereas membership in the European Union will guarantee each citizen of Cyprus important legal, civil, and human rights, as well as the means and legal recourse necessary to secure the full application of these fundamental individual rights, and to promote the respect of cultural diversity and traditions;

Whereas membership in the European Union will bring significant benefits to both the Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot communities, including new economic opportunities, access to new markets, a freer exchange of goods and services, balanced and sustainable development as well as the free movement of persons, goods, and services and capital;

Whereas the European Council in its Summit Conclusions of December 1999, in Helsinki, stated that “a political settlement [of the Cyprus problem] will facilitate the accession of Cyprus to the European Union : : : [i]f no settlement has been reached by the completion of accession negotiations, the Council’s decision on accession will be made without the above being a precondition”;

Whereas both the United States and the European Union in their summit statement on the New Transatlantic Agenda of June 14, 2001, pledge to continue to work together to support the efforts of the United Nations Secretary General to achieve a comprehensive settlement with respect to Cyprus consistent with relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions and to continue to work toward the resumption of talks;

Whereas resolution of the Cyprus problem is in the strategic interests of the United States, given the important location of Cyprus at the crossroads of Europe, Africa, and Asia; and

Whereas resolution of the Cyprus problem is also consistent with American values, as enshrined in the rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, which guarantees the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness: Now, therefore, be it

Whereas the current status quo on Cyprus remains unacceptable and the reunification of Cyprus remains a desirable foreign policy objective;

Whereas a just and lasting resolution of the Cyprus problem, in full consideration of United Nations Security Council resolutions and international treaties, must safeguard the

security and fundamental rights of the population of Cyprus, Greek-Cypriots and Turkish-Cypriots alike;

Whereas Cyprus is among the leading candidate countries for accession to the European Union, in recognition of its commitment to free markets, human rights, democracy, and the rule of law;

Whereas the European Union guarantees to all its citizens the indivisible universal values of human dignity (supporting fair and equal treatment of all), freedom (right to security, marriage, family, among others), equality (celebrating cultural, religious, and linguistic diversity), solidarity (protecting workers' rights and providing social security), citizens' rights (voting), and justice (holding a fair trial);

Whereas membership in the European Union will guarantee each citizen of the Republic of Cyprus important legal, civil, and human rights, as well as the means and legal recourse necessary to secure the full application of these fundamental individual rights, and to promote the respect of cultural diversity and traditions;

Whereas membership in the European Union will bring significant benefits to both Greek-Cypriots and Turkish-Cypriots, including new economic opportunities, access to new markets, a freer exchange of goods and services, balanced and sustainable development as well as the free movement of persons, goods, and services and capital;

Whereas the European Council in its Summit Conclusions of December 1999, in Helsinki, stated that "a political settlement [of the Cyprus problem] will facilitate the accession of Cyprus to the European Union . . . [i]f no settlement has been reached by the completion of accession negotiations, the Council's decision on accession will be made

without the above being a precondition...[i]n this the Council will take account of all relevant factors”;

Whereas both the United States and the European Union in their summit statement on the New Transatlantic Agenda of June 14, 2001, pledge to continue to work together to support the efforts of the United Nations Secretary General to achieve a comprehensive settlement with respect to Cyprus in full consideration of relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions and international treaties;

Whereas the Greek and Turkish Cypriot leadership began direct talks on January 16, 2002, with the United Nations Special Advisor in attendance and the European Council at the Seville Conference in June 2002 called on the Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders to intensify and expedite their talks in order to seize the unique opportunity to reach a comprehensive settlement; and

Whereas resolution of the Cyprus problem is also consistent with American values, as enshrined in the rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, which guarantees the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—*

3 (1) ~~the unacceptable status quo on Cyprus must~~
4 be ended and the island and its people be reunited;
5 ~~in a bizonal, bicommunal federal Cyprus, on the~~
6 basis of United Nations Security Council resolutions;

7 (2) ~~the accession of Cyprus to the European~~
8 Union would act as a catalyst for the solution of the

1 Cyprus problem without the latter being a pre-
2 condition for accession;

3 ~~(3) membership of Cyprus to the European~~
4 ~~Union should be strongly supported;~~

5 ~~(4) all Cypriots be urged to support and en-~~
6 ~~courage efforts to bring Cyprus into the European~~
7 ~~Union; and~~

8 ~~(5) the various agencies of the United States~~
9 ~~Government should pursue vigorously and as an~~
10 ~~issue of high and urgent priority new initiatives that~~
11 ~~will help promote and achieve reunification, ree-~~
12 ~~conciliation, stability, and prosperity on Cyprus.~~

13 *That it is the sense of Congress that—*

14 *(1) the current status quo on Cyprus must be*
15 *ended and the island and its people be reunited, in*
16 *a bizonal, bicomunal federal Cyprus, with full con-*
17 *sideration of United Nations Security Council resolu-*
18 *tions and international treaties;*

19 *(2) the direct and intensive negotiations between*
20 *the Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders, which began*
21 *in January 2002, and which are continuing on a reg-*
22 *ular basis, have been most welcome and are encour-*
23 *aged to continue until a comprehensive settlement has*
24 *been achieved;*

1 (3) *while a successful resolution of the Cyprus*
2 *problem would facilitate the accession of Cyprus to*
3 *the European Union, in the absence of such a resolu-*
4 *tion, the accession of Cyprus to the European Union*
5 *could act as a further catalyst for the solution of the*
6 *Cyprus problem without the latter being a pre-*
7 *condition for accession and with all relevant factors*
8 *being considered;*

9 (4) *membership of the Republic of Cyprus in the*
10 *European Union should be strongly supported;*

11 (5) *all Cypriots be urged to support and encour-*
12 *age efforts to bring the Republic of Cyprus into the*
13 *European Union; and*

14 (6) *the various agencies of the United States*
15 *Government in support of United Nations efforts to*
16 *facilitate a settlement should pursue as an issue of*
17 *high priority new initiatives that will help promote*
18 *and achieve reunification, reconciliation, stability,*
19 *and prosperity on Cyprus.*

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