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S. RES. 271

Urging the President and the United States diplomatic corps to dissuade member states of the United Nations from supporting resolutions that unfairly castigate Israel and to promote within the United Nations General Assembly more balanced and constructive approaches to resolving conflict in the Middle East.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 21, 2003

Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Urging the President and the United States diplomatic corps to dissuade member states of the United Nations from supporting resolutions that unfairly castigate Israel and to promote within the United Nations General Assembly more balanced and constructive approaches to resolving conflict in the Middle East.

Whereas the United Nations General Assembly and United Nations Security Council have over a period of many years engaged in a pattern of introducing and enacting measures and resolutions unfairly castigating and condemning the state of Israel;

Whereas despite the myriad of challenges facing the world community, the United Nations General Assembly has devoted a disproportionate amount of time and resources to castigating Israel;

Whereas during the fifty-seventh session of the United Nations General Assembly, the General Assembly adopted a total of 69 resolutions by roll call vote, 22 of which related to Israel;

Whereas many member states of the United Nations General Assembly continue to engage in a discriminatory campaign against Israel, including enacting on October 21, 2003 a resolution that condemns Israeli security measures without proportional condemnation of terrorist attacks launched against Israel;

Whereas the discriminatory voting patterns in the United Nations have historically been driven by voting blocs and ideological divides originating from Cold War rivalries that are obsolete in the post-Cold War period; and

Whereas in the post-Cold War geopolitical environment, the United States has a special responsibility to promote fair and equitable treatment of all nations in the context of international institutions, including the United Nations: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Senate urges the President and
- 2 all members of the United States diplomatic corps—
- 3 (1) to dissuade member states of the United
- 4 Nations from voting in support of General Assembly
- 5 resolutions that unfairly castigate Israel; and

- 1 (2) to promote within the United Nations Gen-
- 2 eral Assembly more balanced and constructive ap-
- 3 proaches to resolving conflict in the Middle East.

