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Expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the conflict between Russia
and Georgia.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 27 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 17), 2008

Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. SMITH) submitted the following resolution;
which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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between Russia and Georgia.

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—
2 (1) irrespective of the origins of the recent con-
3 flict in Georgia, the disproportionate military re-
4 sponse by the Russian Federation on the sovereign,
5 internationally recognized territory of Georgia, in-
6 cluding the South Ossetian Autonomous Region (re-
7 ferred to in this resolution as “South Ossetia”) and
8 the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia (referred to
9 in this resolution as “Abkhazia”), is in violation of

1 the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia (referred to
2 in this resolution as “Abkhazia”), is in violation of
3 international law and commitments of the Russian
4 Federation;

5 (2) the actions undertaken by the Government
6 of the Russian Federation in Georgia have dimin-
7 ished its standing in the international community
8 and should lead to a review of existing, developing,
9 and proposed multilateral and bilateral arrange-
10 ments;

11 (3) the United States recognizes significant in-
12 terests in common with the Russian Federation, in-
13 cluding combating the proliferation of nuclear weap-
14 ons and fighting terrorism, and these interests can,
15 over time, serve as the basis for improved long-term
16 relations;

17 (4) the Government of the Russian Federation
18 should immediately comply with the September 8,
19 2008, follow-on agreement to the 6-point cease-fire
20 agreement negotiated on August 12, 2008;

21 (5) the Government of the Russian Federation
22 and the Government of Georgia should—

23 (A) refrain from the future use of force to
24 resolve the status of Abkhazia and South
25 Ossetia; and

1 (B) work with the United States, Europe,
2 and other concerned countries and through the
3 United Nations Security Council, the Organiza-
4 tion for Security and Cooperation in Europe,
5 and other international fora to identify a polit-
6 ical settlement that addresses the short-term
7 and long-term status of Abkhazia and South
8 Ossetia, in accordance with prior United Na-
9 tions Security Council resolutions;

10 (6) the United States should—

11 (A) provide humanitarian and economic as-
12 sistance to Georgia;

13 (B) seek to improve commercial relations
14 with Georgia; and

15 (C) working in tandem with the inter-
16 national community, continue to support the de-
17 velopment of a strong, vibrant, multiparty de-
18 mocracy in Georgia;

19 (7) the President should consult with Congress
20 on future security cooperation and assistance to
21 Georgia, as appropriate;

22 (8) the United States continues to support the
23 North Atlantic Treaty Organization declaration
24 reached at the Bucharest Summit on April 3, 2008;
25 and

1 (9) the United States should work with the Eu-
2 ropean Union, Georgia, and its neighbors to ensure
3 the free flow of energy to Europe and the operation
4 of key communication and trade routes.

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