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Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. McCONNELL, and Mr. INHOFE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should take certain actions with respect to the Government of Burma.

Whereas the ruling junta in Burma, the State Peace and Development Council (SPDC), (recently renamed as the State Supreme Council), did not affirmatively respond to President Barack Obama's initiative to engage with Burma;

Whereas more than 2,000 political prisoners continue to be detained in Burma, even after the release of Aung San Suu Kyi;

Whereas the Tom Lantos Block Burmese JADE (Junta's Anti-Democratic Efforts) Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–286) established the position of Special Representative

and Policy Coordinator for Burma, and President Obama delayed for over two years to nominate a person for that position;

Whereas the Government of Burma continues to coerce children, including ethnic minorities, into participating in combat and other military roles;

Whereas the Government of Burma continues to coerce civilians, including ethnic minorities, to serve as human mine-sweepers;

Whereas the Government of Burma continues to coerce civilians, including ethnic minorities, to serve as porters and assist military personnel;

Whereas the United States Government successfully mounted a vigorous and multilateral strategy pursuant to United Nations Security Council Resolution 1874 (2009) to deter a North Korean ship, the Kang Nam I, from traveling to its alleged destination in Burma in July 2009;

Whereas North Korea and Burma are expanding their bilateral military relationship;

Whereas military and other personnel from North Korea have reportedly been in Burma providing technical and other assistance toward the development of the military capabilities of the Government of Burma;

Whereas the Government of North Korea has reportedly provided radar systems and capabilities to the Government of Burma;

Whereas the Government of North Korea has reportedly provided missiles and missile technology to the Government of Burma;

Whereas the Government of North Korea has reportedly provided underground tunneling technology to the Government of Burma;

Whereas the Government of North Korea has reportedly provided multiple rocket launchers to the Government of Burma;

Whereas there are reports that the Governments of North Korea and Burma are collaborating on matters related to the development of Burma's nuclear program;

Whereas the Governments of Russia and Burma collaborated on the development of Burma's nuclear program;

Whereas hundreds of persons from Burma have gone to Russia for specialized training, including in the area of nuclear technology;

Whereas the Government of Burma is acquiring additional MIG aircraft from the Government of Russia;

Whereas hundreds of thousands of persons have fled Burma since 1988 for safety and to avoid persecution; and

Whereas, since October 1, 1989, approximately 80,000 refugees from Burma have resettled in the United States: Now therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) given the growing relationship between the

3 Governments of Burma and North Korea, the Presi-

4 dent should provide the Congress with an unclassi-

5 fied report as to the volume of ships and planes

6 from North Korea visiting Burma, via China and

7 elsewhere, in 2009, 2010, and through March 2011;

1 (2) the President should provide leadership by
2 calling for an international investigation into allega-
3 tions of international crimes against civilians in
4 Burma, including ethnic minorities, by the Govern-
5 ment of Burma;

6 (3) the President should seek the assistance of
7 friends and allies of the United States who actively
8 engage with the Government of Burma and have
9 diplomatic missions in Burma, including Singapore,
10 Japan, and South Korea, to encourage the release of
11 all remaining political prisoners; and

12 (4) the President should encourage countries
13 neighboring Burma to establish safe havens for Bur-
14 mese child soldiers fleeing from forced military serv-
15 ice by the Government of Burma.

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