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Establishing a commission to study the creation of a standing international military force under the United Nations Charter.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BOREN introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

JOINT RESOLUTION

Establishing a commission to study the creation of a standing international military force under the United Nations Charter.

Whereas the end of the Cold War allows the United States to share the burden of maintaining collective security;

Whereas the role of the United Nations has accordingly expanded in recent years;

Whereas under Article 43 of the United Nations Charter, the Secretary General is authorized to negotiate agreements for the creation of a multinational standing military force, to be used for peacekeeping and peace enforcement;

Whereas the United States should take a leadership role in the creation of a multinational peacekeeping force, so

that the burdens of maintaining international security are more equitably shared;

Whereas the President, the Secretary of State, the Ambassador to the United Nations, and the Director of Central Intelligence have already articulated support for the creation of a United Nations Rapid Deployment Force similar to the forces contemplated under Article 43; and

Whereas there remain many unresolved questions about how the United States would implement an agreement to participate in an Article 43 force: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.**

4 There is established the “Commission on United
5 States Participation in a Permanent United Nations
6 Peacekeeping Force” (hereafter in this joint resolution re-
7 ferred to as the “Commission”).

8 **SEC. 2. COMPOSITION.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall be com-
10 posed of 14 members, as follows:

11 (1) The Secretary of Defense or designee.

12 (2) The Secretary of State or designee.

13 (3) The Director of Central Intelligence or des-
14 ignee.

15 (4) The Assistant to the President for National
16 Security Affairs or designee.

1 (5) The Permanent Representatives of the
2 United States to the United Nations or designee.

3 (6) Three members appointed by the President
4 from among individuals in the private sector having
5 expertise in international peacekeeping activities.

6 (7) Three Members of the House of Represent-
7 atives, of whom two shall be appointed by the
8 Speaker of the House and one shall be appointed by
9 the Minority Leader, or their designees.

10 (8) Three Members of the Senate appointed by
11 the President pro tempore, of whom two shall be ap-
12 pointed upon the recommendation of the Majority
13 Leader and one shall be appointed upon the rec-
14 ommendation of the Minority Leader, or their
15 designees.

16 (b) CHAIR.—The Assistant to the President for Na-
17 tional Security Affairs or designee shall serve as Chair of
18 the Commission.

19 (c) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT; VACANCIES.—Mem-
20 bers shall be appointed for the life of the Commission. Any
21 vacancy in the Commission shall not affect its powers, but
22 shall be filled in the same manner as the original appoint-
23 ment.

24 (d) INITIAL MEETING.—No later than 10 days after
25 the date on which all members of the Commission have

1 been appointed, the Commission shall hold its first meet-
2 ing.

3 (e) MEETINGS.—The Commission shall meet at the
4 call of the Chairman.

5 (f) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of the
6 Commission shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser num-
7 ber of members may hold hearings.

8 **SEC. 3. RESPONSIBILITIES.**

9 The Commission shall study, and make recommenda-
10 tions regarding, the steps that are necessary for the Unit-
11 ed States to participate in the creation of a standing inter-
12 national military force under Article 43 of the United Na-
13 tions Charter.

14 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

15 Not later than 120 days after the first meeting held
16 by the Commission, the Commission shall submit a report
17 to Congress on its findings and recommendations, includ-
18 ing recommendations on the following issues: cost, military
19 mission, logistics, intelligence sharing, training, equip-
20 ment, and war powers and other Constitutional issues.

21 **SEC. 5. POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.**

22 (a) HEARINGS.—The Commission may hold such
23 hearings, sit and act at such times and places, take such
24 testimony, and receive such evidence as the Commission
25 considers advisable to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1 (b) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—The
2 Commission may secure directly from any Federal depart-
3 ment or agency such information as the Commission con-
4 sider necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.
5 Upon request of the Chairman of the Commission, the
6 head of such department or agency shall furnish such in-
7 formation to the Commission.

8 (c) POSTAL SERVICES.—The Commission may use
9 the United States mails in the same manner and under
10 the same conditions as other departments and agencies of
11 the Federal Government.

12 **SEC. 6. COMMISSION PERSONNEL MATTERS.**

13 (a) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—The members of the Com-
14 mission shall be allowed travel expenses, including per
15 diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for employ-
16 ees of agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title
17 5, United States Code, while away from their homes or
18 regular places of business in the performance of services
19 for the Commission.

20 (b) STAFF.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Chairman of the Com-
22 mission may, without regard to the civil service laws
23 and regulations, appoint and terminate an executive
24 director and such other additional personnel as may
25 be necessary to enable the Commission to perform

1 its duties. The employment of an executive director
2 shall be subject to confirmation by the Commission.

3 (2) COMPENSATION.—The Chairman of the
4 Commission may fix the compensation of the execu-
5 tive director and other personnel without regard to
6 the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of
7 chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code, relating
8 to classification of positions and General Schedule
9 pay rates, except that the rate of pay for the execu-
10 tive director and other personnel may not exceed the
11 rate payable for level V of the Executive Schedule
12 under section 5316 of such title.

13 (c) DETAIL OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.—Any
14 Federal Government employee may be detailed to the
15 Commission without reimbursement, and such detail shall
16 be without interruption or loss of civil service status or
17 privilege.

18 (d) PROCUREMENT OF TEMPORARY AND INTERMIT-
19 TENT SERVICES.—The Chairman of the Commission may
20 procure temporary and intermittent services under section
21 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, at rates for individ-
22 uals which do not exceed the daily equivalent of the annual
23 rate of basic pay prescribed for level V of the Executive
24 Schedule under section 5316 of such title.

1 **SEC. 7. TERMINATION OF THE COMMISSION.**

2 The Commission shall terminate 10 days after the
3 date on which the Commission submits its report under
4 section 4.

5 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-
7 priated to the Commission such sums as may be necessary
8 for fiscal year 1994 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

9 (b) AVAILABILITY.—Any sums appropriated under
10 the authorization contained in this section shall remain
11 available, without fiscal year limitation, until expended.

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