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Concerning the territorial integrity of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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Mr. DECONCINI (for himself, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. DOLE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Concerning the territorial integrity of Bosnia and
Herzegovina.

Whereas the sovereign and independent State of Bosnia and Herzegovina was formally recognized by the United States of America on April 7, 1992;

Whereas the sovereign and independent State of Bosnia and Herzegovina was admitted as a full participating State of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe on April 30, 1992;

Whereas the sovereign and independent State of Bosnia and Herzegovina was admitted as a Member State of the United Nations on May 22, 1992;

Whereas the United States of America has declared its determination to respect and put into practice the Declaration

on Principles Guiding Relations between Participating States contained in the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe;

Whereas each of these Principles has been violated during the course of war in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Sovereign equality, respect for the rights inherent in sovereignty; refraining from the threat or use of force; inviolability of frontiers; territorial integrity of States; peaceful settlement of disputes; nonintervention in internal affairs; respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief; equal rights and self-determination of peoples; cooperation among States; and fulfillment in good faith of obligations under international law;

Whereas Principle II of the Final Act commits the participating States to “refrain from any manifestation of force for the purpose of inducing another participating State to renounce the full exercise of its sovereign rights”;

Whereas Principle III of the Final Act commits the participating States to “refrain from any demand for, or act of, seizure and usurpation of part or all of the territory of any participating State”;

Whereas Principle IV of the Final Act commits the participating States to “respect the territorial integrity of each of the participating States” and “refrain from any action inconsistent with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations against the territorial integrity, political independence or the unity of any participating State”;

Whereas the Charter of Paris for a New Europe commits the participating States “to cooperate in defending demo-

cratic institutions against activities which violate the independence, sovereign equality or territorial integrity of the participating States”;

Whereas the Helsinki Document 1992 reaffirms “the validity of the guiding principles and common values of the Helsinki Final Act and the Charter of Paris, embodying responsibilities of States towards each other and of governments towards their own people” which serve as the “collective conscience of our community”;

Whereas Charter of the United Nations calls upon Member States to respect the territorial integrity and political independence of any State in keeping with the Purposes of the United Nations;

Whereas the sovereign and independent State of Bosnia and Herzegovina has been and continues to be subjected to armed aggression by Serbia, Serbian-backed forces, and Croatian irregular forces in violation of Final Act and the Charter; and

Whereas unchecked armed aggression and genocide threatens the lives of innocent civilians as well as the very existence of the sovereign and independent State of Bosnia and Herzegovina: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, the United States of America will, in keep-
- 2 ing with its international commitments and obligations,
- 3 refrain from any action which directly or indirectly under-
- 4 mines the sovereignty, territorial integrity, political inde-
- 5 pendence or the unity of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and be
- 6 it further;

1 *Resolved*, That the United States of America will not
2 recognize the incorporation of any of the territory of
3 Bosnia and Herzegovina into that of any neighboring
4 State nor the creation of any new State or States within
5 the borders of Bosnia and Herzegovina resulting from the
6 threat or use of force, coercion or any other means incon-
7 sistent with international law.

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