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S. RES. 135

Entitled “German and Japanese membership in the United Nations Security Council”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ROTH submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Entitled “German and Japanese membership in the United Nations Security Council”.

Whereas in the post-cold war period the international community expects the United Nations to play a larger role, particularly in peacekeeping operations that may, on occasion, require the use of force against determined aggressors;

Whereas in the past five years the United Nations has engaged in more peacekeeping operations than in the preceding forty years, and given the changed security environment resulting from the end of the cold war, the numbers of such operations could continue to grow in future years;

Whereas the United Nations structure and the roster of permanent members of the Security Council have remained unchanged since the organization's foundation;

Whereas Japan and Germany, as the world's second and third largest economies, respectively, have attained levels of global reach and global influence equal to or surpassing other permanent members of the United Nations Security Council;

Whereas any country accorded the status of permanent membership in the Security Council must be willing to accept the responsibilities of such status, including full participation in United Nations military operations;

Whereas Japan has taken a first step toward assuming such responsibilities by enacting legislation which permitted the country's Self-Defense Forces to play a useful but severely circumscribed role in the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia;

Whereas both Japan and Germany must take significant political action before either can fully participate in United Nations operations requiring the use of force against aggressor states; and

Whereas in Japan's case such political action will require the country to come to terms with its conduct during World War II and closely consult with Japan's Asian neighbors who suffered during that period: Now therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) the United States Government should support
3 German and Japanese permanent membership
4 in the United Nations Security Council; but

1 (2) no action should be taken to further such
2 an initiative unless and until Japan and Germany
3 have taken political action to permit them to dis-
4 charge the full range of responsibilities attending
5 permanent membership status.

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