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Recognizing the great progress made by the people of Ukraine in the establishment of democratic institutions, and supporting a free and transparent presidential election on January 17, 2010.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the great progress made by the people of Ukraine in the establishment of democratic institutions, and supporting a free and transparent presidential election on January 17, 2010.

Whereas adherence by Ukraine to democratic, transparent, and fair election standards has been necessary for full integration into the community of democracies;

Whereas steps undertaken by Ukraine in recent years, including reform of election laws and regulations, the development of a free and independent press, and the establishment of public institutions that respect human rights and the rule of law, have enhanced Ukraine's progress toward democracy and enhanced prosperity;

Whereas elections in Ukraine in 2004, 2006, and 2007 were determined by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) to have been consistent with international election standards;

Whereas the United States has closely supported the people of Ukraine in their bold efforts to pursue a free and democratic future following the declaration of their independence in 1991;

Whereas the NATO Freedom Consolidation Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-17; 22 U.S.C. 1928 note), signed into law by President George W. Bush on April 9, 2007, recognized the progress made by Ukraine toward meeting the responsibilities and obligations for membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and designated Ukraine as eligible to receive assistance under the NATO Participation Act of 1994 (title II of Public Law 103-447; 22 U.S.C. 1928 note);

Whereas Ukraine has made steps toward integration within European institutions through a joint European Union-Ukraine Action Plan, as part of the European Neighbourhood Policy; and

Whereas the United States-Ukraine Strategic Partnership Commission was inaugurated by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Ukrainian Foreign Minister Petro Poroshenko on December 9, 2009: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes the great progress made by the
3 people of Ukraine in establishing democratic institu-
4 tions and carrying out peaceful election processes in
5 2004, 2006, and 2007;

6 (3) encourages all parties to respect the inde-
7 pendence and territorial integrity of Ukraine, as well
8 as the full integration of Ukraine into the inter-
9 national community of democracies; and

10 (4) pledges support for the creation of a pros-
11 perous free market economy and the strengthening
12 of a free and open democratic system in Ukraine.

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