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STATEMENT OF SENATOR BOB DOLE THE TRAGEDY OF BEIRUT

ONCE AGAIN THE WORLD IS CONFRONTED WITH AN ACT OF SENSELESS AND BRUTAL TERRORISM IN LEBANON. WHILE WE DO NOT YET KNOW THE FULL MAGNITUDE OF THIS LATEST TRAGEDY, WE DO KNOW THAT AMERICAN BLOOD HAS ONCE AGAIN BEEN SHED AND THAT PEOPLE -- INNOCENT PEOPLE -- ARE SUFFERING GRIEVOUSLY.

IT IS PREMATURE TO BEGIN ASSESSING THE CAUSES OR IMPACT OF THIS TERRIBLE EVENT, BUT IT IS NOT PREMATURE TO REASSERT OUR DETERMINATION -- INDEED OUR DUTY -- TO CONTINUE OUR STRUGGLE TO CREATE A WORLD WHERE EVENTS SUCH AS THIS CANNOT REOCCUR.

TERRORISM, WE ARE SO PAINFULLY REMINDED AGAIN, IS NOT A PROBLEM OF LEBANON OR OF ANY OTHER SINGLE COUNTRY OR REGION. IT IS A PROBLEM FOR US ALL. IT IS NOT A POLITICAL QUESTION BUT A SIMPLE QUESTION OF HUMANITY. LET ALL OF US, ON THIS MATTER IF ON NO OTHER, PUT ASIDE WHATEVER OTHER DIFFERENCES MAY DIVIDE US, AND WORK -- WORK TOGETHER AND WORK RELENTLESSLY -- UNTIL THE STAIN OF TERRORISM IS ERASED FROM THIS EARTH.

MY PRAYERS, AND THOSE OF ALL CIVILIZED PEOPLE, ARE WITH THE VICTIMS OF THIS HEINOUS ACT.