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## BOSNIA RESOLUTION

### SENSE OF SENATE REFLECTS PRESIDENT'S EFFORTS TO BRING RELIEF, URGES CONTINUED POLICY OF LEADERSHIP

THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF DEBATE ON THE SITUATION IN BOSNIA ALREADY TODAY. MUCH OF THIS DEBATE IS UNRELATED TO THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION. SO, I'D LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND MY COLLEAGUES OF TWO THINGS:

- (1) THIS IS NOT AN AUTHORIZATION FOR THE USE OF FORCE.
- (2) THIS IS NOT A BINDING AMENDMENT.

THIS IS A SENSE OF THE SENATE. THE SENATE HAS PASSED -- BY VOICE VOTE -- MANY SENSE OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS REGARDING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA.

THIS RESOLUTION, DOES NOT DIRECT THE PRESIDENT TO DO ANYTHING. IT BASICALLY REFLECTS THE PRESIDENT'S EFFORTS TO BRING RELIEF TO THE PEOPLE OF BOSNIA, AND IN EFFECT, URGES HIM TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE POLICY ON WHICH HE IS ALREADY EMBARKED.

AND, I MIGHT SAY FOR THE RECORD THAT BOTH PRESIDENT BUSH AND SECRETARY BAKER HAVE PERSONALLY INDICATED TO ME THAT THEY DO NOT OBJECT TO THIS RESOLUTION.

#### "NEW WORLD HORROR"

I WOULD HOPE, THAT AS THIS RESOLUTION IS CONSIDERED WE KEEP IN MIND THE DESPERATE PLIGHT OF THE BOSNIAN PEOPLE. THE WORDS "STARVATION" AND "CONCENTRATION CAMP" SUM UP LIFE IN BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA FOR HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, IN PARTICULAR, MUSLIMS AND CROATS.

IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE. LITTLE DID WE THINK THAT AT THE END OF THE COLD WAR WE WOULD NOT FIND A NEW WORLD ORDER IN THE BALKANS, BUT A NEW WORLD HORROR. A NEW WORLD HORROR IN WHICH SAVAGE BARBARISM AND BRUTAL DICTATORSHIP -- UNSEEN ON THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT FOR FIFTY YEARS -- IS THREATENING TO TAKE HOLD OF THE BALKANS AND DESTROY WHOLE NATIONS AND PEOPLES. THIS TIME, HOWEVER, SERBIAN PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC IS TO BLAME.

YET, WHILE THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON IN THE MIDDLE OF EUROPE, THE EUROPEANS HAVE DONE LITTLE TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF BELGRADE'S TERROR. THE EUROPEANS HAVE DONE JUST ENOUGH, JUST ENOUGH TO WARD OFF FEELINGS OF GUILT -- GUILT FOR NOT TAKING STEPS TO STOP MILOSEVIC IN HIS TRACKS WHEN HE FIRST ORDERED THE ATTACK ON SLOVENIA OVER A YEAR AGO.

#### U.S. MUST LEAD INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW. THE LIVES OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE AT STAKE.

I BELIEVE THAT THE UNITED STATES MUST DO WHAT IT CAN TO LEAD THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN AN EFFORT TO HELP THE BOSNIAN PEOPLE, AND, I COMMEND PRESIDENT BUSH FOR STEPPING UP TO TAKE THE

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LEAD IN THE FACE OF EUROPEAN INDECISIVENESS. THIS TRAGEDY IS UNFOLDING IN EUROPE, YET FOR OVER ONE YEAR, EUROPE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO EFFECTIVELY DEAL WITH THE DEVELOPMENTS IN WHAT USED TO BE YUGOSLAVIA. PRESIDENT BUSH UNDERSTANDS THAT ONLY THE UNITED STATES CAN BRING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TOGETHER TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT.

PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP

LAST WEEK THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED A SIX POINT PLAN TO IMMEDIATELY ADDRESS THE "HUMANITARIAN NIGHTMARE", AS HE CALLED IT, AND TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF VIOLENCE AND TERROR TO KOSOVA AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

PRESIDENT BUSH IS PERSONALLY WORKING TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT IN THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL ON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING "ALL NECESSARY MEASURES" INCLUDING THE USE OF FORCE, IF NECESSARY, TO DELIVER HUMANITARIAN AID. THE PRESIDENT WILL ALSO CONSULT WITH NATO TO SEE HOW NATO CAN HELP IN THIS EFFORT.

SO AS WE CONSIDER THIS SENSE OF SENATE RESOLUTION LET'S REMEMBER THE FACTS -- THE FACTS REGARDING THE PRESIDENT'S ACTIONS ON THIS MATTER AND THE FACTS ABOUT THIS RESOLUTION.

NO BLANK CHECK

THIS RESOLUTION IS NOT A "BLANK CHECK." IT IS NOT A "GULF OF TONKIN" RESOLUTION. IT IS A SIMPLE STATEMENT OF THE SENATE'S CONVICTION THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD ATTEMPT TO GET FROM THE UNITED NATIONS AUTHORIZATION TO USE ALL NECESSARY MEANS TO GIVE EFFECT TO SECURITY COUNCIL DECISIONS -- DECISIONS WHICH THE U.N. IS EXPECTED TO TAKE THIS WEEK AT THE URGING OF OUR PRESIDENT -- DECISIONS TO ENSURE THE PROVISION OF HUMANITARIAN AID TO BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA, AND TO HELP GAIN ACCESS FOR U.N. AND INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS PERSONNEL TO REFUGEE AND PRISONER OF WAR CAMPS.

FINALLY, THIS STATEMENT, IN AND OF ITSELF, SENDS A MESSAGE TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND TO BELGRADE THAT WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS ISSUE.

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