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Expressing the sense of Congress in support of a coordinated and effective international response to the crisis in Ukraine and in support of the use of reparations paid by Russia for Ukrainian recovery and reconstruction efforts while ensuring that, to the extent possible, the burden of funding Ukraine's reconstruction does not fall on United States taxpayers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

Mr. NUNN of Iowa (for himself and Mr. COHEN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas the United States is committed to promoting and upholding international peace, security, and the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity;

Whereas the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation is a blatant violation of these principles, causing an un-

precedented threat to regional stability and global security;

Whereas the people of Ukraine have the right to live free from foreign aggression and interference, and their sovereignty must be respected and protected;

Whereas the United States has a long history of supporting Ukraine's aspirations for democracy, self-determination, and integration into the international community;

Whereas the United States recognizes the importance of a united international response to address and deter acts of aggression that undermine global order;

Whereas Ukraine has taken significant steps towards democratic governance, human rights, and economic reforms, and has shown resilience in the face of external challenges;

Whereas the people of Ukraine have demonstrated a strong desire for peace, stability, and cooperation with their neighbors;

Whereas the invasion has led to widespread humanitarian suffering, displacement of civilians, and loss of life; and

Whereas the United States condemns the use of military force to achieve political objectives and stands firmly against any attempts to redraw borders through aggression: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That—*

3 (1) the United States condemns Russia's inva-
4 sion of Ukraine as a breach of international law and
5 a threat to regional and global security;

1 (2) the United States expresses unwavering
2 support for Ukraine’s sovereignty, territorial integ-
3 rity, and the right of its people to live free from ex-
4 ternal aggression;

5 (3) the United States stands with its inter-
6 national partners in condemning the invasion and
7 calls for a united response to hold Russia account-
8 able for its actions;

9 (4) the United States calls on Russia to imme-
10 diately cease all hostilities, withdraw its forces from
11 Ukrainian territory, and engage in diplomatic efforts
12 to peacefully resolve the conflict;

13 (5) the United States encourages its allies and
14 partners to take appropriate measures, including
15 diplomatic, economic, and humanitarian actions, to
16 continue to support Ukraine and address the crisis;

17 (6) the United States expresses its commitment
18 to working with the international community to pro-
19 vide humanitarian assistance to those affected by the
20 conflict and to help rebuild and stabilize the region;

21 (7) the Russian Federation bears responsibility
22 for the financial burden of the reconstruction of
23 Ukraine and for countless other costs associated
24 with the illegal invasion of Ukraine by the Russian
25 Federation that began on February 24, 2022;

1 (8) the United States must protect taxpayers by
2 utilizing, to the fullest extent, the current cache of
3 seized Russian assets for the reconstruction of
4 Ukraine; and

5 (9) Congress calls on the President of the
6 United States to—

7 (A) engage with international partners to
8 develop a coordinated and effective response to
9 the crisis, including the further imposition of
10 targeted sanctions against individuals and enti-
11 ties responsible for the invasion and aggression;

12 (B) use diplomatic channels to engage with
13 Russia and other relevant parties to achieve a
14 peaceful resolution to the conflict and ensure
15 Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity;

16 (C) advocate for the establishment of an
17 international mechanism to assess the damages
18 caused by the invasion and determine a fair and
19 just amount of reparations to be paid by Rus-
20 sia;

21 (D) pressure Russia to contribute to the
22 reparations fund using its sovereign assets
23 abroad, including but not limited to sovereign
24 funds, properties, and other assets; and

1 (E) coordinate with international partners
2 to ensure that the reparations fund is trans-
3 parently managed and disbursed to support
4 Ukraine's recovery and reconstruction efforts.

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