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Expressing the sense of Congress that the United Nations should take immediate procedural actions necessary to amend Article 23 of the Charter of the United Nations to remove the Russian Federation as a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. BLACKBURN submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that the United Nations should take immediate procedural actions necessary to amend Article 23 of the Charter of the United Nations to remove the Russian Federation as a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council.

Whereas the United Nations Security Council is tasked with upholding international peace and security among the countries of the world;

Whereas the primary responsibility of the United Nations Security Council is to determine the existence of a threat to international peace or act of aggression and to recommend what necessary action should be taken;

Whereas Article 39 of the Charter of the United Nations states that “The Security Council shall determine the existence of any threat to the peace, breach of the peace, or act of aggression and shall make recommendations, or decide what measures shall be taken in accordance with Articles 41 and 42, to maintain or restore international peace and security”;

Whereas the United Nations Security Council currently has five permanent members: the United States of America, the United Kingdom, France, the People’s Republic of China, and the Russian Federation;

Whereas the acts of aggression and malign influence by the Russian Federation and its proxies in Ukraine are a threat to the territorial integrity and democratic sovereignty of Ukraine and run counter to both the letter and spirit of the Security Council’s responsibility to maintain peace and security;

Whereas the build-up of nearly 200,000 Russian Federation military troops, artillery, tanks, armor, and other military equipment on Ukraine’s border since March 2021 has significantly threatened the safety, security, stability, and sovereignty of Ukraine and has destabilized the security of the continent of Europe;

Whereas, on February 21, 2022, the Russian Federation deployed additional military forces into two Russian-declared separatist regions of eastern Ukraine, which are under Ukrainian government control;

Whereas, on February 22, 2022, Russian Federation President Vladimir Putin recognized the independence of the two Russian-backed separatist republics in eastern Ukraine, the Donetsk and Luhansk People’s Republics,

and secured parliamentary authorization to deploy additional Russian forces abroad, setting conditions for a further offensive against Ukraine;

Whereas, on February 24, 2022, Russian Federation President Vladimir Putin launched a well-coordinated disinformation campaign, announcing the start of a “special military operation” aimed at the “demilitarization and denazification of Ukraine” in order “to protect the people who have been abused by ‘the genocide’ of the Kyiv regime for 8 years”;

Whereas, on February 24, 2022, the Russian Federation launched multiple unprovoked missile strikes in Kyiv, Ukraine, as well as in numerous key eastern Ukrainian cities, including Kharkiv, Odessa, Mariupol, Dnipro, and Kramatorsk, jeopardizing the safety of civilians and with the intent to strike Ukrainian military infrastructure, including airfields, military depots, air defenses, and command and control sites; and

Whereas the increased aggression of the Russian Federation against the sovereignty of Ukraine has destabilized the security of the continent of Europe and could cause massive casualties, energy shortages, and financial instability across the globe: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) condemns the Russian Federation’s invasion
4 of Ukraine’s sovereign territory and its ongoing sup-
5 port of proxy militias in the region, which together
6 pose a direct threat to international peace and secu-
7 rity and run contrary to its responsibilities and obli-

1 gations as a permanent member of the United Na-
2 tions Security Council;

3 (2) urges the President to direct the United
4 States representative to the United Nations to use
5 the voice, vote, and influence of the United States to
6 take all necessary steps to remove the Russian Fed-
7 eration as a Permanent Member of the United Na-
8 tions Security Council; and

9 (3) urges other member states to support such
10 efforts to hold the Russian Federation accountable
11 at the United Nations by supporting such efforts.