

**Suspend the Rules And Agree to the Resolution, H. Res. 499 with
Amendments**

(The amendments consist of a new preamble and a substitute text)

113TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 499

Condemning the violation of Ukrainian sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity by military forces of the Russian Federation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 2014

Mr. ROYCE (for himself, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. COOK, Mr. MARINO, Mr. KEATING, Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. HOLDING, Mr. HOLT, Mr. MESSER, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. PERRY, Mr. POE of Texas, and Mr. SIRES) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Condemning the violation of Ukrainian sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity by military forces of the Russian Federation.

Whereas the United States has been strongly committed to the sovereignty, democratic development, and prosperity of Ukraine since it secured its independence from the Soviet Union in 1991;

Whereas on January 29, 2014, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives agreed to House Resolution 447, supporting the democratic and European aspirations of the people of Ukraine and their right to choose their own future free of intimidation and fear, which resolution was agreed to by the House of Representatives on February 10, 2014;

Whereas the Ukrainian people have the right to freely determine their future, including their country's relationship with other countries and international organizations, without interference, intimidation, or coercion by other countries;

Whereas closer relations with Europe hold out the prospect of a more stable and prosperous Ukraine, which would be of benefit to all countries, including Russia;

Whereas the military intervention by the Russian Federation in Crimea is a violation of Ukraine's sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity;

Whereas this military intervention is a violation of international law, including the Russian Federation's obligations under the United Nations Charter;

Whereas this military intervention is a violation of the Russian Federation's obligations under the 1994 Budapest Memorandum on Security Assurances, in which it pledged to respect the independence and sovereignty and the existing borders of Ukraine and to refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of Ukraine;

Whereas by its military intervention in Ukraine, the Russian Federation has violated the provisions of the Helsinki Final Act Declaration of Principles Regarding Relations

Between Participating States of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe;

Whereas the Russian Federation's military intervention in Crimea represents a reckless escalation of its long-standing efforts to pressure Ukraine through political, diplomatic, and economic means to reduce its ties to Europe and the West and force it into a closer association with Russia, including through the establishment of a Eurasian Union;

Whereas the Russian Federation has used and is continuing to use coercive economic measures, including the manipulation of energy prices and supplies, and trade restrictions to place political pressure on Ukraine and other countries in the region;

Whereas the Government of Ukraine has exercised extraordinary restraint to date in response to the use of force against it on its territory;

Whereas the instability in Ukraine has forced 230 Peace Corps volunteers to leave Ukraine; and

Whereas the immediate deployment of international monitors from either the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe or the United Nations to Crimea and in other Ukrainian regions would provide transparency and objective reporting regarding threats of violence and military activity, and regarding civil and political rights, and also enhance the security of the Ukrainian people in all regions: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) condemns the violation of Ukrainian sov-
2 ereignty, independence, and territorial integrity by
3 military forces of the Russian Federation;

4 (2) states that the military intervention by the
5 Russian Federation—

6 (A) is in breach of its obligations under
7 the United Nations Charter;

8 (B) is in violation of the 1994 Budapest
9 Memorandum on Security Assurances, in which
10 it pledged to respect the independence and sov-
11 ereignty and the existing borders of Ukraine
12 and to refrain from the threat of use of force
13 against the territorial integrity or political inde-
14 pendence of Ukraine; and

15 (C) poses a threat to international peace
16 and security;

17 (3) calls on the Russian Federation to remove
18 all of its military forces from Ukraine's Crimean pe-
19 ninsula, other than those operating in strict accord-
20 ance with its 1997 agreement on the Status and
21 Conditions of the Black Sea Fleet Stationing on the
22 Territory of Ukraine, and to refrain from inter-
23 ference in all regions of Ukraine, including by end-
24 ing its support of separatist and paramilitary forces
25 in Crimea;

1 (4) declares that the Ukrainian people have the
2 right to determine their own future free from out-
3 side interference;

4 (5) commends the Ukrainian Government for
5 its continued restraint and avoidance of military
6 provocations;

7 (6) calls on the Ukrainian Government to con-
8 tinue to protect the rights of all minority popu-
9 lations within Ukraine and make clear that it rep-
10 represents all Ukrainian citizens;

11 (7) calls on all Ukrainians to respect the legiti-
12 mate government authorities in all parts of Ukraine,
13 including in eastern and southern Ukraine, as well
14 as to respect all Ukrainian laws and the Constitu-
15 tion of Ukraine;

16 (8) calls for the deployment of independent
17 monitors from the Organization for Security and Co-
18 operation in Europe in Crimea and other areas of
19 Ukraine;

20 (9) calls on NATO allies and European Union
21 member states to immediately suspend military co-
22 operation with Russia, including restricting sales to
23 the Russian government of lethal and non-lethal
24 military equipment that might be used to support

1 further aggression in Ukraine or elsewhere in the re-
2 gion;

3 (10) calls upon the President and the leaders of
4 other democratic states to boycott the G-8 summit
5 in Sochi, Russia, to convene a G-7 summit in June
6 2014 outside of Russia that does not include Russia,
7 and to consider expelling Russia from the group,
8 given its record of international aggression, domestic
9 repression, and human rights records that are incon-
10 sistent with democratic standards;

11 (11) calls on the Administration to work with
12 our European allies and other countries to impose
13 visa, financial, trade, and other sanctions on senior
14 Russian Federation officials, Russian and Ukrainian
15 oligarchs and others complicit in Russia's interven-
16 tion and interference in Ukraine, majority state-
17 owned banks and commercial organizations, and
18 other state agencies, as appropriate;

19 (12) states that the United States should par-
20 ticipate with its European allies, other countries,
21 and international organizations in a coordinated ef-
22 fort to provide the Ukrainian government with fi-
23 nancial, economic, and technical assistance, includ-
24 ing asset recovery, to assist a domestic economic re-

1 covery program that includes fundamental reforms
2 and effective anti-corruption measures;

3 (13) calls on the United States, its European
4 allies, and other countries and international organi-
5 zations to provide assistance to ensure that new elec-
6 tions scheduled for May 2014 are free, fair, and in
7 full accordance with international standards;

8 (14) calls on the United States and its Euro-
9 pean allies, other countries, and international orga-
10 nizations to develop a long-term strategy to support
11 economic development and reform in Ukraine, in-
12 cluding through enhanced relationships with West-
13 ern countries, organizations and institutions;

14 (15) calls on Ukraine and European countries
15 and former Soviet Republics to support energy diver-
16 sification initiatives to reduce Russian control of en-
17 ergy exports, including by promoting energy effi-
18 ciency and reverse natural gas flows from Western
19 Europe, and calls on the United States to promote
20 increased natural gas exports and energy efficiency;

21 (16) supports efforts by Ukraine to achieve en-
22 ergy independence;

23 (17) supports efforts by Ukraine to improve
24 transparency, combat corruption, and protect indi-

1 vidual rights through an independent judiciary and
2 strong rule of law; and

3 (18) affirms the right of all countries in the re-
4 gion to exercise their sovereign rights within their
5 internationally recognized borders free from outside
6 intervention and to conduct their foreign policy in
7 accordance with their determination of the best in-
8 terests of their peoples.