

## 115TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## H. RES. 260

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) nuclear security role.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 6, 2017

Mr. Foster (for himself, Mr. Visclosky, and Mr. Fortenberry) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

## **RESOLUTION**

- Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) nuclear security role.
- Whereas the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), created in 1957 for the purpose of assisting states in the development and use of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes, plays a critical role in the global nuclear security regime;
- Whereas the agency's activities in nuclear security date back to the 1970s when the agency began providing ad hoc training courses in physical protection;
- Whereas these responsibilities expanded following the collapse of the former Soviet Union, reports of nuclear smuggling

- in the late 1990s, and again after the devastating terror attacks on September 11, 2001;
- Whereas the agency established the Nuclear Security Fund to assist countries in protecting their nuclear and radiological materials and facilities;
- Whereas the agency's nuclear security efforts are sustained by its technical expertise, experience, transparency, and confidentiality;
- Whereas rogue regimes and clandestine organizations continue to exhibit the ambition to acquire nuclear materials that can be used to build crude radiological and nuclear weapons;
- Whereas the IAEA Office of Nuclear Security relies almost exclusively on voluntary funding, which is inherently unpredictable and inconsistent; and
- Whereas the 2016 Nuclear Security Summit in Washington, DC, issued an Action Plan on April 1, 2016, citing the agency's need for "reliable and sufficient resources": Now, therefore, be it
  - 1 Resolved, That the House of Representatives—
  - 2 (1) maintains that the International Atomic
  - 3 Energy Agency (IAEA) plays an indispensable role
  - 4 in strengthening nuclear security and safety around
  - 5 the globe;
  - 6 (2) reaffirms that the United States has a vital
- 7 interest in preventing the spread of nuclear weapons
- 8 and securing nuclear materials; and

1	(3) encourages the United States and other
2	member states of the IAEA to take steps to ensure
3	that the IAEA has the resources needed to success-
4	fully carry out its duties, including—
5	(A) supporting the IAEA to continue con-
6	vening ministerial meetings on nuclear security
7	to promote political commitment;
8	(B) contributing to the implementation of
9	the IAEA's Nuclear Security Plan through reli-
10	able and sufficient resources;
11	(C) providing appropriate political, tech-
12	nical, and financial support to the Nuclear Se-
13	curity Fund; and
14	(D) developing a comprehensive strategy to
15	encourage non-state, private sector contribu-
16	tions to the Nuclear Security Fund.

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