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To encourage the development of an international convention to establish international standards for nuclear power plant safety.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 24 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 22), 1994

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. BRYAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

To encourage the development of an international convention to establish international standards for nuclear power plant safety.

Whereas there are more than four hundred nuclear power plants located in a total of thirty-three nations of the world;

Whereas there is a great disparity in the level of safety of the nuclear power plants currently in operation;

Whereas the accident in 1986 at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant demonstrated that the risks of a serious accident at nuclear power plants are not a remote or theoretical concern;

Whereas the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant demonstrated that an accident at a nuclear power plant

in one nation may cause damage to human health and the environment in many other nations;

Whereas the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant demonstrated that the damages from a nuclear power plant accident may include a loss of human and animal life and serious long-term radiological contamination of the natural environment;

Whereas the construction of new nuclear power plants in nations that do not possess the regulatory and technological infrastructure to safely construct and operate nuclear power plants may pose unreasonable risks to human health and the environment in many nations;

Whereas there is evidence that nations which have not developed the technical capability to safely construct and operate nuclear power plants may attempt to construct and operate nuclear power plants;

Whereas it is important to the citizens of all nations of the world that all practicable measures should be taken to avoid accidents and eliminate any reasonable risks to the human health and the environment that may be posed by currently operating nuclear power plants; and

Whereas it is important to the citizens of all nations of the world that new nuclear power plants should not be constructed or allowed to operate if such plants will pose any unreasonable risks to human health and the environment:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) the United States support the development
3 of an international convention on nuclear power
4 plant safety;

1 (2) the United States support the inclusion of
2 effective safety standards for the design, construc-
3 tion, and operation of existing nuclear power plants
4 and for the design, construction, and operation of
5 new nuclear power plants in an international conven-
6 tion on nuclear power plant safety;

7 (3) the United States support an international
8 prohibition on the export of nuclear power plant
9 technology and equipment to any nation that has not
10 agreed to abide by the international convention on
11 nuclear power plant safety;

12 (4) the United States support the role of the
13 International Atomic Energy Agency in implement-
14 ing the international convention on nuclear power
15 plant safety; and

16 (5) the United States support meetings of the
17 potential parties to the international convention on
18 nuclear power plant safety to discuss the terms of
19 the convention so that the convention would be open
20 for signature and ratification by April, 1996.

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