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Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding a resolution of the dispute between Greece and Turkey over sovereignty to the islet in the Aegean Sea called Imia by Greece and Kardak by Turkey.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 17, 1996

Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding a resolution of the dispute between Greece and Turkey over sovereignty to the islet in the Aegean Sea called Imia by Greece and Kardak by Turkey.

Whereas Greece and Turkey are engaged in a dispute over sovereignty to an islet in the Aegean Sea called Imia by Greece and Kardak by Turkey;

Whereas the islet is a dependent of the Island of Calimnos, an island in the Dodecanese region of the Aegean Sea;

Whereas in Article 15 of the Treaty of Peace with Turkey, and Other Instruments, signed at Lausanne on July 24, 1923, Turkey renounced in favor of Italy all right and title of Turkey over 12 islands in the Dodecanese region that were occupied at the time of the Treaty by Italy, in-

cluding the Island of Calimnos, and the islets dependent on such islands;

Whereas the Convention Between Italy and Turkey for the Delimitation of the Territorial Waters Between the Coasts of Anatolia and the Island of Castellorizio, signed at Ankara on January 4, 1932, established the rights of Italy and Turkey in coastal islands, waters, and rocks in the Aegean Sea and delimited a maritime frontier between the two countries;

Whereas a Protocol to that Convention established a border between Italy and Turkey which placed the islet under the control of Italy;

Whereas in Article 14 of the 1947 Treaty of Peace with Italy, Italy ceded to Greece the Island of Calimnos and adjacent islets;

Whereas the Eastern Mediterranean region, in which the Aegean Sea is located, is a region of vital strategic importance to the United States;

Whereas both Greece and Turkey are members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and allies of the United States;

Whereas it is in the interest of the United States and other nations to have the dispute resolved peacefully; and

Whereas the International Court of Justice in The Hague was established to promote the peaceful resolution of international disputes in conformity with international law: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that the
- 2 Government of Greece and the Government of Turkey
- 3 should—

- 1 (1) submit to the International Court of Justice
2 in The Hague the dispute of such governments over
3 sovereignty to the islet in the Aegean Sea called
4 Imia by Greece and Kardak by Turkey; and
5 (2) agree to be bound by the decision of the
6 Court with respect to the dispute.

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