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Expressing the sense of the Senate on when the economic relationship between the United States and the Russian Federation should be considered to return to the level of that relationship before the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation that began on February 24, 2022, and on the actions that should be taken at that time.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CASSIDY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the United States has a responsibility to uphold the values of freedom, democracy, and human rights across the globe;

Whereas there are several universal declarations promoting human rights, laws of war, and upholding the dignity of individuals;

Whereas the preamble to the United Nations Charter states that member countries “reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights [and] in the dignity and worth of the human person”;

Whereas the preamble of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states, “Member States have pledged themselves to achieve, in cooperation with the United Nations, the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms”;

Whereas the Russian Federation, as the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, joined as an original member of the United Nations on October 24, 1945, and as such has a duty to abide by the conditions of the United Nations Charter;

Whereas President Vladimir Putin, members of the Security Council of the Russian Federation, and President Putin’s military commanders have severely undermined the international rule of law through their various actions;

Whereas President Vladimir Putin violated the sovereignty of Ukraine and used military force to seize control and unlawfully occupy Crimea and eastern Ukraine, indiscriminately targeting and killing thousands of innocent civilians since 2014;

Whereas rebel forces supported by the Russian Federation were deemed responsible for a missile attack on January 24, 2015, in Mariupol, Ukraine, that indiscriminately targeted civilians, resulting in the death of at least 30 people and injuring many more;

Whereas intelligence assessments have concluded Vladimir Putin and his regime have destroyed the rule of law in the Russian Federation and engaged in countless crimes

against humanity, including ordering the poisoning of Alexi Navalny, the poisoning of Sergei and Yulia Skripal, and the false imprisonment and torture ultimately leading to the death of Sergei Magnitsky;

Whereas Armed Forces of the Russian Federation, under the leadership of President Vladimir Putin and the Security Council of the Russian Federation, initiated an unprovoked war against Ukraine based on false security claims and threats in February 2022;

Whereas President Vladimir Putin has allegedly committed war crimes in his reckless quest to decimate Ukraine and the people of Ukraine, including civilians, children, and women;

Whereas the people of the Russian Federation are suffering economic hardship from global sanctions as a direct result of President Vladimir Putin's erratic, illogical, and irrational actions;

Whereas the United States Government seeks the most productive relationship possible with the people of the Russian Federation for the sake of their own liberty and prosperity; and

Whereas the United States Government should use its voice, vote, and influence to pursue war crimes allegations against Vladimir Putin and his military commanders in international institutions of which it is a member and encourage other allies and partners to do the same: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—
- 2 (1) the economic relationship between the
- 3 United States and the Russian Federation should be

1 considered to return to the level of that relationship
2 before the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Fed-
3 eration that began on February 24, 2022, only
4 when—

5 (A) the Armed Forces of the Russian Fed-
6 eration and proxies of such forces withdraw
7 from all territory of Ukraine such forces or
8 proxies have occupied since February 24, 2022,
9 and that withdrawal is verified by a supervision
10 mission of the United Nations in Ukraine;

11 (B) the Government of the Russian Fed-
12 eration has ceased engaging in cyberattacks and
13 disseminating anti-Ukraine, pro-Russian Fed-
14 eration propaganda and has committed to not
15 engaging in such attacks or disseminating such
16 propaganda in the future; and

17 (C) a free and fair election is held in the
18 Russian Federation, as determined by the Sec-
19 retary of State;

20 (2) as soon as possible after the date of agree-
21 ment to this resolution—

22 (A) the President should direct the United
23 States Representative to the United Nations to
24 use the voice, vote, and influence of the United
25 States to immediately promote the establish-

1 ment of an international justice mechanism for
2 alleged war crimes and other alleged crimes of
3 the Russian Federation against Ukraine and to
4 prosecute the perpetrators of such crimes com-
5 mitted during the period of conflict in Ukraine;

6 (B) in the event that the United Nations
7 is unable or unwilling to establish a mechanism
8 described in subparagraph (A), the President
9 should convoke and convene the world's democ-
10 racies for the purposes of establishing a re-
11 gional or international justice mechanism for
12 crimes described in that subparagraph;

13 (C) in working with other countries to es-
14 tablish such a regional or international justice
15 mechanism, the United States should assist all
16 partners in that effort to develop judicial proce-
17 dures that enable the fair and open prosecution
18 of persons accused of perpetrating such crimes;

19 (D) the United States should encourage,
20 support, and collect any and all information
21 that can be supplied to a justice mechanism de-
22 scribed in subparagraph (A) or (B) for use as
23 evidence to support the indictment and trial of
24 any persons accused of crimes described in sub-

1 paragraph (A), including the crime of aggres-
2 sion in Ukraine, as an immediate priority; and

3 (E) the United States should urge all other
4 interested countries to apprehend and deliver
5 into the custody of a justice mechanism de-
6 scribed in subparagraph (A) or (B) persons in-
7 dicted for crimes described in subparagraph (A)
8 and urge all interested countries to provide any
9 and all data and information pertaining to such
10 crimes to that mechanism; and

11 (3) when the economic relationship between the
12 United States and the Russian Federation returns
13 to the level of that relationship before the invasion
14 of Ukraine by the Russian Federation, as described
15 in paragraph (1)—

16 (A) the President should organize and lead
17 a presidential summit on Eastern European
18 peace and security with the head of the suc-
19 cessor Government of the Russian Federation,
20 which should include topics such as arms con-
21 trol and existing international fora such as the
22 Collective Security Treaty Organization, the
23 European Union, the Organization for Security
24 and Co-operation in Europe, the Minsk Group,
25 and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization;

1 (B) the Secretary of State should—

2 (i) begin a formal, consultative proc-
3 ess with the United Nations Secretary
4 General and all member countries of the
5 United Nations to reimagine the United
6 Nations Security Council; and

7 (ii) initiate talks with all Western al-
8 lies regarding the reconstruction of
9 Ukraine and humanitarian support to
10 those affected by the war waged by Presi-
11 dent Vladimir Putin;

12 (C) the Senate should establish a special,
13 interdisciplinary commission to make rec-
14 ommendations for the reimagination of a post-
15 war, long-term collective security strategy for
16 Europe, which includes consideration of the se-
17 curity concerns of Ukraine, the Russian Fed-
18 eration, and other non-treaty partners; and

19 (D) the United States Government should
20 call on the successor Government of the Rus-
21 sian Federation to release all political prisoners
22 held under the authority of the Russian Federa-
23 tion.

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