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Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the application by the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court for arrest warrants for senior Israeli officials.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. ROUNDS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the application by the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court for arrest warrants for senior Israeli officials.

Whereas the Department of State fundamentally rejected the announcement from the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court that he is applying for arrest warrants for senior Israeli officials;

Whereas the Prosecutor's deeply flawed action draws equivalence between Israel and Hamas;

Whereas Hamas is a brutal terrorist organization that attacked Israel on October 7, 2023, carried out the worst massacre of Jews since the Holocaust, and, as of May 2024, still holds dozens of innocent people hostage, including Americans;

Whereas the International Criminal Court was internationally established as a court of limited jurisdiction, and those limits are rooted in principles of complementarity, which have not been applied to the case of senior Israeli officials amid the Prosecutor's rush to seek arrest warrants rather than allowing the legal system of Israel a full and timely opportunity to proceed;

Whereas, in other situations, the Prosecutor rightfully allowed nations to conduct their own investigations, giving nations the time to do so, but the Prosecutor did not provide Israel the same opportunity despite Israel's investigations into allegations against its personnel;

Whereas, even though Israel is not a member of the International Criminal Court, Israel was willing to cooperate with the Prosecutor and the Prosecutor was scheduled to visit Israel for that purpose;

Whereas the Prosecutor's staff planned to travel to Israel to coordinate the visit, but Israel was informed that the staff did not board their flight around the same time that the Prosecutor announced the charges on cable television; and

Whereas these and other circumstances call into question the legitimacy and credibility of the Prosecutor's investigation: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of that Senate that—

2 (1) the Senate stands with Israel and fully re-
3 jects the action by the International Criminal Court
4 against senior Israeli officials;

5 (2) Congress and the executive branch should
6 impose financial sanctions and visa bans on officials

1 of the International Criminal Court for an abuse of
2 power that threatens United States interests and
3 weakens United States allies; and

4 (3) the United States should urge its allies and
5 partners, who largely fund the International Crimi-
6 nal Court, to use their leverage to halt the politicized
7 proceedings.