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Condemning the actions of the Burmese State Peace and Development Council against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 21, 2009

Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. McCONNELL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BOND, and Mr. KERRY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Condemning the actions of the Burmese State Peace and Development Council against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

Whereas the military regime in Burma, headed by General Than Shwe and the State Peace and Development Council (SPDC), has carried out a longstanding and brutal campaign of persecution against Burmese democracy leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and her supporters in the National League for Democracy, ethnic minorities, and ordinary citizens of Burma who publicly and courageously speak out against the regime's many injustices, abuses, and atrocities;

Whereas the military regime in Burma is solely responsible for failing to provide for the basic needs of the people of Burma and has restricted the activities and movement of United Nations agencies and humanitarian nongovernmental organizations operating in Burma today;

Whereas Burmese democracy leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has been imprisoned in Burma for 13 of the last 19 years, and many members of the National League for Democracy have been similarly jailed, tortured, or killed;

Whereas Burmese democracy leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi currently faces criminal charges by the military regime for breaking the terms of her house arrest, which arose from the uninvited visit of an American citizen; and

Whereas these criminal charges are consistent with other past actions by the military regime to harass and persecute Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and the National League for Democracy: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) condemns and deplores the show trial of
3 Burmese democracy leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi;

4 (2) condemns and deplores the criminal actions
5 by the State Peace and Development Council against
6 Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and members of the Na-
7 tional League for Democracy;

8 (3) recognizes that currently conditions do not
9 exist in Burma for the conduct of credible and
10 participatory elections;

1 (4) calls for the immediate and unconditional
2 release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and all prisoners
3 of conscience in Burma;

4 (5) calls upon the Secretary of State to reinvig-
5 orate efforts with regional governments and multilat-
6 eral organizations (including the People's Republic
7 of China, India, and Japan as well as the Associa-
8 tion of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Na-
9 tions Security Council) to secure the immediate and
10 unconditional release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and
11 all prisoners of conscience in Burma; and

12 (6) calls upon the State Peace and Development
13 Council to establish, with the full and unfettered
14 participation of the National League for Democracy
15 and ethnic minorities, a genuine roadmap for the
16 peaceful transition to civilian, democratic rule.

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