

disarm, demobilize and cooperate in the repatriation or resettlement, as appropriate, of foreign armed groups and local militias, and commends in this regard the robust action of MONUC, acting in accordance with its mandate, in support of the Forces Armées de la République Démocratique du Congo (FARDC) in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

10. Underscores that the governments in the region have a primary responsibility to protect their populations, including from attacks by militias and armed groups and stresses the importance of ensuring the full, safe and unhindered access of humanitarian workers to people in need in accordance with international law;

11. Calls upon all States in the region to deepen their cooperation with a view to putting an end to the activities of illegal armed groups, and underlines that these States must abide by their obligations under the Charter of the United Nations to refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of their neighbours;

12. Urges the international community, non-governmental organizations and civil society to increase humanitarian assistance to civilians affected by displacements and violence from years of protracted conflicts in the Great Lakes region;

13. Commends the efforts of the United Nations Organization Missions in the region in accordance with their respective mandates, to protect civilians, including humanitarian personnel, to enable delivery of humanitarian aid and to create the necessary conditions for the voluntary return of refugees and internally displaced persons;

14. Requests the Secretary-General to make recommendations to the Council, as appropriate, on how best to support efforts by States in the region to put an end to the activities of illegal armed groups, and to recommend how United Nations agencies and missions—the United Nations Mission in the Sudan (UNMIS), MONUC and ONUB—can help, including through further support for the efforts of the governments concerned to ensure protection of, and humanitarian assistance to, civilians in need;

15. Calls upon the countries of the region to continue in their efforts to create conducive conditions for voluntary repatriation, safe and durable integration of refugees and former combatants in their respective countries of origin. In this regard, calls for commensurate international support for refugees and reintegration and reinsertion of returnees, internally displaced persons and former combatants;

16. Calls upon the countries of the region to reinforce their cooperation with the Security Council's Committee and with the Group of Experts established by resolution 1533 (2004) in enforcing the arms embargo in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and to combat cross-border trafficking of illicit small arms, light weapons and illicit natural resources as well as the movement of combatants, and reiterates its demand that the Governments of Uganda, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Burundi take measures to prevent the use of their respective territories in support of the activities of armed groups present in the region;

17. Urges the governments concerned in the region to enhance their cooperation to promote lawful and transparent exploitation of natural resources among themselves and in the region;

18. Welcomes the establishment of the Peacebuilding Commission and underlines its potential importance to the work of the Security Council in this region;

19. Invites the international community, including regional organizations, international financial institutions and relevant bodies of the United Nations system, to sup-

port and complement the peacebuilding and development initiatives required to sustain peace, security and stability in the countries of the Great Lakes region;

20. Decides to remain seized of the matter.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 366) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

#### S. RES. 366

Whereas, Joseph Kony has led the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) since 1987, terrorizing the region of Northern Uganda;

Whereas, up to 200,000 people have been killed in violent conflict and from disease and malnutrition;

Whereas, 80 to 90 percent of Kony's fighters are enslaved children—brutalized and brainwashed to kill;

Whereas, sources estimate that between 20,000 and 50,000 children have been abducted by the LRA since 1987;

Whereas, these children are sexually abused, raped, beaten, taunted and traumatized by older soldiers in the LRA;

Whereas, these children are maliciously coerced to mutilate, rape, and murder others, even their own family members and friends;

Whereas, LRA leaders often force the friends and siblings of unsuccessful escapees to carry out vicious punishments to further the LRA's culture of fear, intimidation and guilt;

Whereas, even those children who do manage to escape are unspeakably traumatized, often infected with sexually transmitted diseases, and stigmatized by society;

Whereas, approximately 40,000 children in rural Uganda trek miles into towns each night to sleep under the protection of soldiers and attempt to avoid capture;

Whereas, more than 1.6 million people have been forced to flee their homes;

Whereas, the conflict has slowed Uganda's development efforts, costing the country at least \$1.33 billion, or 3 percent of its GDP;

Whereas, starting in October 2005, the Sudan government gave Joseph Kony a three month grace period to surrender;

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

(1) That the government of Sudan continue to prosecute LRA terrorists within its borders and aid Uganda in ending the conflict;

(2) That Uganda use every available resource to end the atrocities of the LRA and bring its members to justice;

(3) That the United States and international community recognize the atrocities occurring daily in Uganda and provide necessary humanitarian assistance;

(4) That the week of February 2 through 9, 2006 should be designated as a National Week of Prayer and Reflection for the people of Northern Uganda.

#### ORDER FOR SIGNING AUTHORITY

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that during the adjournment of the Senate, the majority leader and the majority whip be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### GEORGE WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the resolution of the Senate of January 24, 1901, the traditional reading of Washington's Farewell Address take place on February 17 at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the Democratic leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ORDERS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2006

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 6. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators allowed to speak for up to 10 minutes each. I further ask that if a cloture motion is filed during Monday's session on the motion to proceed to S. 852, the asbestos bill, and notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, that vote occur at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, with the mandatory live quorum waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, it has been a very long day, but a very productive day with the ultimate passage of the Tax Relief Act by a vote of 66 to 31. In addition, just a short time ago, we passed the temporary extension of a very important bill, the PATRIOT Act. We will start debate on the motion to proceed to the asbestos legislation on Monday. A cloture vote on the motion to proceed will occur on Tuesday at 6 p.m. We do have Members who will be attending the funeral of Coretta Scott King on Tuesday; therefore, we are postponing that vote until 6 p.m.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSOR

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senator BUNNING be added as a cosponsor to the Rockefeller amendment adopted earlier.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2006, AT 2 P.M.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 10:28 p.m., adjourned until Monday, February 6, 2006, at 2 p.m.