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Expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to creating a fair world economic system by encouraging foreign countries to enact and enforce laws safeguarding local environments.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MICA submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Ways and Means

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to creating a fair world economic system by encouraging foreign countries to enact and enforce laws safeguarding local environments.

Whereas the interests of the United States will be served by creating an open and fair world economic system, by stimulating fair and free competition between the United States and foreign countries, and by fostering economic growth and full employment in the United States; and

Whereas achieving these goals requires that laws designed to protect the environment from polluting and environmentally destructive industrial and agricultural practices not place the United States at a competitive disadvantage compared with other countries: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that—

3 (1) the Secretary of State should identify the
4 foreign countries that—

5 (A) do not have effective laws protecting
6 the local environment from polluting and envi-
7 ronmentally destructive industrial and agricul-
8 tural practices; or

9 (B) do not adequately and constructively
10 enforce the laws protecting the local environ-
11 ment from polluting and environmentally de-
12 structive industrial and agricultural practices;
13 and

14 (2) the President should enter into inter-
15 national agreements with the countries identified
16 under paragraph (1), which agreements should—

17 (A) promote the development of adequate
18 and effective laws protecting the local environ-
19 ment from polluting and environmentally de-
20 structive industrial and agricultural practices;

21 (B) promote the enforcement of laws pro-
22 tecting the local environment from polluting
23 and environmentally destructive industrial and
24 agricultural practices; and

1 (C) improve the operation of mechanisms
2 within, and agreements entered into under, the
3 General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to
4 provide for a more expeditious response to com-
5 plaints regarding the environmental practices of
6 participating countries.

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