

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. Javier Solana
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Dear High Representative Solana:

On March 14, 2005, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.Res. 101, urging the European Union to add Hezbollah to its list of terrorist organizations. Since then, Hezbollah has only intensified its campaign of terror, plunging the region into war.

We would like to thank you for your ongoing efforts to resolve the crisis and we encourage the European Union to join the U.S. in developing a unified position on Hezbollah. In keeping with the March 10, 2005 resolution of the EU Parliament that demanded "all necessary steps" be taken to curtail Hezbollah and United Nations Security Council Resolution 1559, which called for the disarmament of all militias in Lebanon, we again strongly urge you to seek the addition of Hezbollah to the EU list of terrorist organizations and persons.

We were dismayed by your July 19th assertion that the EU lacks "sufficient data" to add Hezbollah to its list of terrorist organizations and persons. Many individuals associated with Hezbollah are already included on the EU list persons, and Hezbollah openly supports groups currently designated terrorist organizations by the EU. The United States, Canada, and Australia all classify Hezbollah as a terrorist organization, and several EU member states have already taken action against Hezbollah. Germany has deported Hezbollah agents, France has banned *al Manar*, Hezbollah's television mouthpiece, and the United Kingdom has placed the "Hezbollah External Security Organization" on its terrorist list. As Katyusha rockets land in Israeli cities, "sufficient data" to prove the true nature of the so-called "Army of God" can be seen on every television.

Adding Hezbollah to the EU's terrorist list would deal a real blow to the organization by prohibiting the channeling of money from European entities and individuals to Hezbollah, and seizing its assets in the EU. Encouragingly, Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasarallah admitted in an *al Manar* interview that "the sources of [our] funding will dry up and the sources of moral, political and material support will be destroyed," if Hezbollah were added to the EU list.

There is wide and growing consensus in the international community that Hezbollah must be restrained, with even Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Jordan characterizing Hezbollah's action as "unexpected, irresponsible, and inappropriate." By building a united front to oppose terror, the European Union and the United States can together make this a safer world. It is with the deepest respect that we urge you to consider our request.

Sincerely,

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