

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—116th Cong., 2d Sess.**

**S. Res. 148**

Supporting efforts by the Government of Colombia to pursue  
peace and regional stability.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and  
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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. CARDIN

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1       Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the fol-  
2       lowing: “That the Senate—

3               (1) reaffirms the unwavering support of the  
4       Government and people of the United States for the  
5       people of Colombia in their pursuit of peace and sta-  
6       bilization of territories previously in conflict so they  
7       can achieve their aspiration to live in a country free  
8       of violence and organized crime;

9               (2) lauds efforts to bring an end to Colombia’s  
10       enduring internal armed conflict;

11               (3) commends the work of the United Nations  
12       Verification Mission in overseeing the implementa-

1       tion of the 2016 peace accord and the disarmament  
2       and reintegration of combatants;

3           (4) maintains its commitment to the more than  
4       7,000,000 victims of Colombia's armed conflict and  
5       urges all Colombian authorities to hold accountable  
6       perpetrators of serious violations of human rights  
7       and international humanitarian law, particularly ob-  
8       ligations under the Fourth Geneva Convention, and  
9       ensure that they are appropriately punished;

10          (5) encourages the Government of Colombia to  
11       protect vulnerable populations who remain at risk in  
12       that country, including defenders of human rights,  
13       those facing threats due to crop substitution from  
14       the illicit crop market, internally displaced persons,  
15       and Afro-descendant and indigenous leaders and  
16       communities;

17          (6) expresses concern about the decision of cer-  
18       tain senior members of the FARC to return to arms  
19       and hostilities and strengthen their alliance with the  
20       ELN, which poses risks for the ability of the Gov-  
21       ernment of Colombia to consolidate peace and secu-  
22       rity;

23          (7) reaffirms the importance of the extradition  
24       treaty between Colombia and the United States as  
25       an important part of the bilateral relations that has

1 promoted the interests of justice in both nations for  
2 decades;

3 (8) encourages the Secretary of State to develop  
4 a comprehensive strategy to assist the Government  
5 of Colombia in managing the effects of the Ven-  
6 ezuela crisis while continuing the successful imple-  
7 mentation and sustainability of the peace accord and  
8 stabilization of territories previously in conflict in  
9 Colombia, and to further strengthen the close bilat-  
10 eral partnership shared by the Governments of the  
11 United States and Colombia;

12 (9) reaffirms its commitment to continued part-  
13 nership between the Governments of the United  
14 States and Colombia on issues of mutual interest,  
15 including security, counternarcotics cooperation,  
16 combating transnational organized crime, ensuring  
17 justice for those who have caused indelible harm to  
18 our populations, reintegration of FARC members,  
19 economic growth and investment with a focus on dis-  
20 advantaged communities, health cooperation, and  
21 educational and cultural exchanges that strengthen  
22 diplomatic relations; and

23 (10) commits to furthering the bilateral rela-  
24 tionship between the United States and Colombia by  
25 working with leaders in the public and private sec-

1       tors, as well as civil society from both countries, to  
2       ensure that the United States-Colombia relationship  
3       remains a key pillar of United States foreign policy  
4       in the Western Hemisphere.