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Recognizing the formation of the Alliance for Development in Democracy and urging the United States to pursue deeper ties with its member countries.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. KAINE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. RISCH, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the formation of the Alliance for Development in Democracy and urging the United States to pursue deeper ties with its member countries.

Whereas, on September 22, 2021, Presidents Luis Abinader of the Dominican Republic, Laurentino Cortizo of the Republic of Panama, and Carlos Alvarado of the Republic of Costa Rica met in New York during the opening of the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly to form the Alliance for Development in Democracy (referred to in this preamble as the “ADD”);

Whereas the member countries of the ADD have committed to work through the ADD to advance institutions that protect the rule of law and individual freedoms;

Whereas the ADD promotes regional integration by strengthening cultural, commercial, and demographic ties in the context of free, peaceful, and democratic societies;

Whereas the Department of Defense and the Department of State have repeatedly emphasized that the economic encroachment of the Government of the People's Republic of China into the Western Hemisphere is coercive and represents an acute threat to the national security of the United States and of allies of the United States in the Western Hemisphere;

Whereas, during the years preceding the date of adoption of this resolution, United States trade has doubled with the Republic of Costa Rica and the Republic of Panama, and tripled with the Dominican Republic;

Whereas, combined, the three founding members of the ADD represent the third-largest trading partner of the United States in the Western Hemisphere;

Whereas, on December 10, 2021, the ADD formed a business council to promote the development of trade, investment, and commerce between the ADD and the United States;

Whereas, on June 10, 2022, Canada, a critical ally and strategic partner of the United States, and the members of the ADD issued a joint statement committing to working together to address democratic challenges and to prevent the erosion of democracy in the Western Hemisphere;

Whereas, on June 16, 2022, the Republic of Ecuador formally joined the ADD as the fourth member of the ADD;

Whereas, on July 25, 2022, the United States and the founding members of the ADD signed a memorandum of understanding to advance the Consultative Dialogue on Supply Chains and Economic Growth between the United

States and the ADD to strengthen supply chain resiliency; and

Whereas the ADD has sought to comprehensively address the migratory flows that transit through territories within the jurisdiction of the member countries of the ADD: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates the Dominican Republic, the
3 Republic of Panama, and the Republic of Costa Rica
4 for forming the Alliance for Development in Democracy
5 (referred to in this resolution as the “ADD”),
6 and the Republic of Ecuador for ascending to the
7 ADD;

8 (2) affirms that the ADD provides a counter-
9 weight to the growing influence of autocratic and
10 anti-United States forces in the Western Hemisphere;
11 sphere;

12 (3) calls on the President to—

13 (A) pursue and prioritize engagement with
14 the ADD regarding the full spectrum of the national
15 security and economic interests of the
16 United States in the Western Hemisphere; and

17 (B) deepen regional integration on economic
18 issues including increasing trade, expanding
19 market access, and integrating investment
20 markets throughout the Western Hemisphere,

1 including by pursuing nearshoring, reshoring,
2 and friendshoring initiatives; and

3 (4) calls on the President to use the diplomatic
4 capital of the United States, including the voice and
5 vote of the United States in international organiza-
6 tions, to support member countries of the ADD in
7 promoting policies that—

8 (A) enhance the regional integration speci-
9 fied in paragraph (3)(B) by strengthening
10 democratic institutions and promoting economic
11 prosperity;

12 (B) strengthen the critical infrastructure
13 of those countries, such as ports, airports, and
14 other logistical assets to facilitate regional
15 trade;

16 (C) manage migrant flows across the
17 Western Hemisphere and within the jurisdiction
18 of those countries;

19 (D) counter corruption, organized crime,
20 and illegal drug trafficking across the Western
21 Hemisphere and within the jurisdiction of those
22 countries; and

- 1 (E) strengthen the resiliency of supply
- 2 chains critical to foreign investment and trade
- 3 with those countries.

