

SRES 611

A resolution supporting the efforts of the Independent National Electoral Commission of the Government of Nigeria, political parties, civil society, religious organizations, and the people of Nigeria from one civilian government to another in to he general elections to be held in April 2007.

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Nov 17, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

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International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 SRES 575	Related bill	Sep 20, 2006: Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (text of measure as introduced: CR S9791)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Recognizes Nigeria's importance as a strategic partner and long-time friend of the United States.

Acknowledges the increasing significance of Nigeria's leadership throughout the region and continent.

Commends the National Assembly of Nigeria's decision to reject a constitutional amendment that would have lifted the existing two-term limit and allowed for a third presidential term.

Encourages the government of Nigeria and the Independent National Electoral Commission to demonstrate a commitment to democratic elections by: (1) developing a voter registration and education plan; (2) addressing corruption charges; and (3) conducting unbiased recruitment and training of election officials.

Urges the government of Nigeria to respect the freedoms of association and assembly, including the right of candidates, members of political parties, and others to assemble and conduct public events free from intimidation.

Urges a robust effort by Nigeria's law enforcement and judicial officials to enforce the rule of law, particularly by preventing and investigating politically-motivated violence and prosecuting those suspected of such acts.

Urges: (1) President Bush to ensure that the United States supports Nigeria's democratic gains made during the last eight years; and (2) the government of Nigeria to seek international support for free elections in April 2007.

Expresses U.S. support for coordinated efforts by the government of Nigeria and the Independent National Electoral Commission to work with political parties, civil society, religious organizations, and other entities to organize a peaceful democratic transition based on free elections in April 2007.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 16, 2006:** Senate Committee on Foreign Relations discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S11097-11102)
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