

SRES 65

A resolution supporting efforts to bring an end to violence perpetrated by Boko Haram, and urging the Government of Nigeria to conduct transparent, peaceful, and credible elections.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** Senate

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Feb 4, 2015
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Feb 4, 2015
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 4, 2015
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Feb 4, 2015
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 4, 2015
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Feb 12, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Feb 24, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HRES 147	Identical bill	Mar 20, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations.

Condemns Boko Haram for its violent attacks, particularly the indiscriminate targeting of civilians, especially women and girls, and the use of children as fighters and suicide bombers.

Stands with: (1) the people of Nigeria in their right to live free from fear of state or nonstate actors; (2) the people of Cameroon, Chad, and Niger who are increasingly at risk from Boko Haram's violence; and (3) the international community in its efforts to defeat Boko Haram.

Supports the Abuja Accord, and calls on candidates, party officials, and adherents of all political movements to refrain from divisive rhetoric and actions.

Condemns civilian abuses by Nigerian security forces.

Urges the government of Nigeria to:

- adhere to the new time line for elections and ensure credible and peaceful elections,
- refrain from using security concerns to impede the democratic process and from using the security apparatus for political purposes,
- prioritize the security of Nigerians vulnerable to Boko Haram,
- implement a civilian security response to defeat Boko Haram that addresses political and economic grievances of citizens in the north,
- improve Nigeria's security forces, and
- cooperate with regional and international partners to defeat Boko Haram.

Urges all Nigerians to engage in the electoral process and to reject divisive actions.

Reaffirms that the people of the United States stand with the people of Nigeria in support of peace and democracy.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 24, 2015:** Senate Committee on Foreign Relations discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Feb 24, 2015:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S1081-1083)
- **Feb 24, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Resolution agreed to in Senate with an amendment and an amended preamble by Voice Vote.(text: CR S1082-1083)
- **Feb 24, 2015:** Resolution agreed to in Senate with an amendment and an amended preamble by Voice Vote. (text: CR S1082-1083)
- **Feb 4, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 4, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S782; text of measure as introduced: CR S781-782)