

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 184

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Arnone, Asselta, Bucco, Assemblywomen Heck, Farragher,
Assemblymen Kelly, Romano and Imprevuduto**

- 1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** memorializing the United Nations to allow Italy
2 to serve as a member of the United Nations Security Council.
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, Italy plays a vital role in its capacity as a member of the United
5 Nations, especially in the areas of peacekeeping, humanitarian assistance,
6 protection of human rights, cooperation for economic and social
7 development and the promotion of cultural and scientific cooperation; and
8 **WHEREAS**, Italy's current participation in United Nations peacekeeping
9 operations in the Congo, Somalia, Mozambique, El Salvador, Cambodia,
10 Albania and the former Yugoslavia is among the most significant; and
11 **WHEREAS**, Italy is currently the sixth largest contributor to the United Nations,
12 preceded only by the United States, Japan, Germany, France and the
13 United Kingdom, and Italy's contribution accounts for over five percent of
14 the United Nations regular budget, already greater than that of two
15 permanent members of the Security Council; and
16 **WHEREAS**, Through the United Nations, Italy finances sustainable human
17 development programs with a prevalent social component, among them
18 being "Prodere in Central America" which, with its refugee repatriation
19 program, strengthened the peace process in the area; and
20 **WHEREAS**, Existing United Nations bases in Brindisi, Italy, and Pisa, Italy,
21 are of fundamental importance for any United Nations activity in the former
22 Yugoslavia or in Europe in general; and
23 **WHEREAS**, Italy was elected to the non-permanent Security Council for a two-
24 year term beginning in 1995 at which time Italy pushed for increased
25 humanitarian aid, endorsed a proposal to enlarge the Security Council to
26 reflect more equitable representation and negotiated for the restructuring
27 and revitalization of the United Nations' socio-economic structures; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Italy's gift to the United Nations, a work by Maestro Arnaldo
2 Pomodoro placed at the visitor's entrance of the United Nations,
3 represents the growing role and contribution of Italy to the United Nations;
4 now, therefore,

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6 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

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8 1. This House pays tribute to the increasingly important role Italy has
9 played and continues to play in various activities of the United Nations and
10 memorializes the United Nations to allow Italy to serve as a member of its
11 Security Council.

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13 2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of
14 the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted
15 to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the President of the United
16 Nations General Assembly and the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs.

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19 **STATEMENT**

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21 This resolution recognizes Italy's vital role as member of the United
22 Nations and memorializes the United Nations to allow Italy to serve as a
23 member of its Security Council. Italy is currently the sixth largest contributor
24 to the United Nations and Italians host existing United Nations bases in
25 Brindisi and Pisa, finance sustainable human development programs and are
26 significant participants in United Nations peacekeeping efforts. Presently,
27 there are five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council and
28 ten non-permanent seats.

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33 Memorializes the United Nations to allow Italy to serve as a member of the
34 United Nations Security Council.