

Mr. Speaker: I urge my colleagues to support the Moakley-Murtha substitute. It maintains the basic framework of the House Foreign Affairs Committee passed bill. There is a 50% withholding of military aid for FY 1990 and FY 1991 and a transfer of the withheld aid at the end of each fiscal year to humanitarian assistance to El Salvador.

The Moakley-Murtha proposal maintains the basic structure of conditionality and allows the President to restore the withheld 50% or impose a full 100% cut in military aid if the President finds that certain actions have or have not been taken by the Salvadoran government or the FMLN.

Our substitute changes the foreign affairs bill in the following ways:

- 1) It places an additional condition relating to the conduct of both the FMLN and the army barring assassinations and violence against civilian targets.

- 2) It strengthens civilian control over the military by requiring prior approval of President Cristiani before military assistance can be delivered to the military.

- 3) It authorizes funding for registration, campaign and election monitoring for the 1991 Salvadoran elections.

- 4) It requires additional information on both the FMLN and the government of El Salvador in the Presidential determination required in the bill.

Mr. Speaker, I urge support of the Moakley-Murtha substitute as an effective way to encourage both sides to finally end the war.