
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

CONDEMNING THE GENOCIDE IN WESTERN SUDAN AND URGING CONGRESS
WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT TO ENGAGE THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT THE
PEOPLE OF DARFUR.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is committed to supporting the dignity and
2 worth of each human being; and

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4 WHEREAS, three years have passed since the media began
5 releasing images of the mass displacement, human misery, and
6 killings in western Sudan where now, over two million people
7 remain in camps and the death toll of men, women, and children
8 is estimated to be more than one hundred and eighty thousand;
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11 WHEREAS, a report dated January 25, 2005, from the
12 International Commission of Inquiry on Darfur to the United
13 Nations Secretary-General concluded that war crimes and crimes
14 against humanity were perpetrated in Sudan's Darfur region; and

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16 WHEREAS, the report established that Sudanese government
17 forces and the militia known as Janjaweed are responsible for
18 the killing, torture, rape, pillage, and forced displacement of
19 people throughout Darfur and that these acts are conducted on a
20 widespread, systematic basis and result in approximately ten
21 thousand deaths each month; and

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23 WHEREAS, United States President George W. Bush, Secretary
24 of State Condoleezza Rice, former Secretary of State Colin
25 Powell, and the United States Congress have declared these acts
26 to be genocide; and

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28 WHEREAS, one hundred and thirty-six countries, including
29 the United States, signed the Convention on the Prevention and
30 Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and agreed that genocide,
31 whether committed in time of peace or in time of war, is a crime



1 under international law which the signatories undertake to
2 prevent and to punish; and

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4 WHEREAS, millions of lives are in jeopardy and the risk of
5 inaction or little action is too great; and

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7 WHEREAS, the continuing atrocities in Darfur demand an
8 aggressive response from the international community; and

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10 WHEREAS, a multi-national force is essential to:

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12 (1) Stop the violence;

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14 (2) Provide protection for the two million displaced
15 Sudanese;

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17 (3) Facilitate the expansion of the urgent humanitarian
18 relief effort; and

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20 (4) Create a climate conducive to political negotiations;
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23 WHEREAS, Hawaii and its citizens cannot be bystanders, as
24 genocide is a moral and ethical issue that implicates us all;
25 now, therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
29 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii Congressional
30 delegation is urged to support legislation that allocates
31 sufficient funds for the African Union international
32 peacekeeping mission currently in place and for any future
33 United Nations peacekeeping force that may be necessary, as well
34 as sufficient funds for humanitarian aid to sustain the
35 approximate three and a half million people of Darfur who depend
36 on aid for their survival; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States President and
39 the United States Department of State are urged to work within
40 the United Nations Security Council to expand the mandated aid
41 and logistical support, including the force size, to the African
42 Union Mission in Sudan; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States President and
 2 the United States Department of State are urged to facilitate
 3 the creation of a viable political framework for a lasting peace
 4 in Darfur by increasing the engagement that is presently in its
 5 seventh round in Abuja, Nigeria; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States President and
 8 the United States Department of State are urged to work within
 9 the United Nations Security Council and with the African Union
 10 to encourage an immediate transfer of peacekeeping duties from
 11 the African Union Mission in Sudan to a larger United Nations
 12 peacekeeping force with adequate resources and a clear mandate
 13 to protect civilians; and

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 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's Congressional
 17 delegation, the United States President, and the United States
 18 Ambassador to the United Nations.

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