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## HOUSE 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  
32 under international law which the signatories undertake to  
33 prevent and to punish; and  
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1 WHEREAS, millions of lives are in jeopardy and the risk of  
2 inaction or little action is too great; and

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

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

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9 (1) Stop the violence;
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11 (2) Provide protection for the two million displaced  
12 Sudanese;
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14 (3) Facilitate the expansion of the urgent humanitarian  
15 relief effort; and
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17 (4) Create a climate conducive to political negotiations;  
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20 WHEREAS, Hawaii and its citizens cannot be bystanders, as  
21 genocide is a moral and ethical issue that implicates us all;  
22 now, therefore,

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

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

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States President and  
41 the United States Department of State are urged to facilitate  
42 the creation of a viable political framework for a lasting peace  
43 in Darfur by increasing the engagement that is presently in its  
44 seventh round in Abuja, Nigeria; and



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

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 10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 11 Resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's Congressional delegation,  
 12 the United States President, and the United States Ambassador to  
 13 the United Nations.  
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