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S. RES. 559

Calling on the President to take immediate steps to help stop the violence
in Darfur.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 7 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 6), 2006

Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DODD, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. FRIST, Mr. SMITH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BOND, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. COBURN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. OBAMA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

SEPTEMBER 13, 2006

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Calling on the President to take immediate steps to help
stop the violence in Darfur.

Whereas the Darfur Peace Agreement, signed on May 5, 2006, between the Government of Sudan and rebels in Darfur has not resulted in a cessation of hostilities in Darfur;

Whereas, although the United Nations Security Council approved Security Council Resolution 1706 (2006), which

provides for a United Nations peacekeeping presence in Darfur to replace the African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS), the Government of Sudan has rejected the deployment of United Nations peacekeepers;

Whereas the Government of Sudan is engaged in a major offensive in Darfur, in direct violation of the Darfur Peace Agreement;

Whereas violence in the Darfur region has increased since the signing of the Darfur Peace Agreement;

Whereas Jan Egeland, the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, has stated that the coming weeks may result in a “man-made catastrophe of an unprecedented scale” in Darfur;

Whereas the African Union has decided to terminate the African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS) at the end of September 2006;

Whereas it is unlikely that the United Nations will have the logistical means or capability to deploy peacekeepers to Sudan until the end of 2006;

Whereas the people of Darfur cannot wait that long for security to be re-established; and

Whereas the international community must renew its efforts to stop genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity in Darfur:

Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) strongly condemns—

3 (A) the current military offensive of the

4 Government of Sudan in Darfur in violation of

1 the terms of the May 5, 2006, Darfur Peace
2 Agreement and the April 8, 2004, N'Djamena
3 cease-fire accord; and

4 (B) the rejection by the Government of
5 Sudan of United Nations Security Council Res-
6 olution 1706 (2006);

7 (2) commends the African Union Mission in
8 Sudan (AMIS) for its actions to date in monitoring
9 the April 8, 2004, N'Djamena cease-fire agreement
10 in Darfur and encourages the African Union to leave
11 the AMIS force in place until a United Nations
12 peacekeeping mission is deployed to Darfur;

13 (3) calls upon the Government of Sudan to im-
14 mediately—

15 (A) cease its military offensive in Darfur;

16 and

17 (B) comply with the deployment of United
18 Nations peacekeepers to Darfur as called for by
19 the United Nations Security Council;

20 (4) calls upon the United Nations—

21 (A) to deploy as quickly as practicable
22 peacekeeping troops as authorized by United
23 Nations Security Council Resolution 1706
24 (2006) that are well trained and equipped; and

1 (B) to begin considerations of sanctions as
2 called for by paragraphs 6 and 7 of United Na-
3 tions Security Council Resolution 1556 (2004)
4 and paragraph 14 of United Nations Security
5 Council Resolution 1564 (2004);

6 (5) urges the President to take urgent steps to
7 help improve the security situation in Darfur, in-
8 cluding by—

9 (A) pursuing the imposition of a “no-fly
10 zone” in Darfur in cooperation with the United
11 Nations, NATO, or NATO allies;

12 (B) garnering support for NATO assist-
13 ance with the handover by the African Union of
14 the AMIS mission to the United Nations;

15 (C) working through diplomatic channels
16 to obtain the support of China, Russia, and
17 United States allies in the Arab League in se-
18 curing the compliance of the Government of
19 Sudan with the deployment of United Nations
20 peacekeepers as provided by United Nations Se-
21 curity Council Resolution 1706 (2006);

22 (D) supporting full funding for the United
23 Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Sudan;

24 (E) securing the necessary support from
25 United Nations member states to schedule a

1 special session on Sudan in the United Nations
2 Human Rights Council; and

3 (F) appointing a Special Envoy to Sudan
4 to head the Office of the Presidential Special
5 Envoy established pursuant to chapter 6 of title
6 I of the Emergency Supplemental Appropria-
7 tions Act for Defense, the Global War on Ter-
8 ror, and Hurricane Recovery, 2006 (Public Law
9 109–234; 120 Stat. 439); and

10 (6) urges the international community—

11 (A) to support the deployment of United
12 Nations peacekeepers to Darfur financially,
13 with logistical and equipment support, or
14 through troop contributions;

15 (B) to fulfill financial obligations to United
16 Nations and international humanitarian aid
17 agencies for responding to the crisis in Darfur
18 or addressing humanitarian needs throughout
19 Sudan;

20 (C) to impose targeted sanctions against
21 members of the National Congress Party deter-
22 mined to be responsible for human rights viola-
23 tions, war crimes, and crimes against humanity;
24 and

1 (D) to impose sanctions consistent with
2 paragraphs 6 and 7 of United Nations Security
3 Council Resolution 1556 (2004) and paragraph
4 14 of United Nations Security Council Resolu-
5 tion 1564 (2004).

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