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# S. RES. 684

Calling for a comprehensive strategy to address the crisis in Darfur, Sudan.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 24 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 17), 2008

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. DODD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. VOINOVICH) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Calling for a comprehensive strategy to address the crisis  
in Darfur, Sudan.

Whereas more than 300,000 people have died and approximately 2,500,000 have been displaced in Darfur since 2003, according to estimates by the United Nations;

Whereas Congress unanimously declared on July 22, 2004, that the atrocities in Darfur were genocide;

Whereas, on September 9, 2004, Secretary of State Colin Powell and on June 1, 2005, President George W. Bush described the crisis in Darfur as genocide;

Whereas the United States has led the world in financial contributions to humanitarian aid and peacekeeping operations in Darfur;

Whereas, on July 31, 2007, the United Nations Security Council voted to deploy an historic United Nations-African Union (UNAMID) peacekeeping force to stem the violence in Darfur and create conditions for peace talks;

Whereas only approximately 10,000 of the authorized force of 26,000 peacekeepers and police have deployed to Darfur, delayed by Sudanese obstruction as well as by a failure of the international community to commit sufficient resources and to overcome logistical obstacles; and

Whereas more than four years have passed since Congress declared the conflict in Darfur to be genocide and conditions on the ground in Darfur continue to worsen: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) urges the President, the United Nations  
3       Secretary-General, the African Union, and other key  
4       members of the international community to pursue  
5       a comprehensive solution to the Darfur crisis by—

6               (A) supporting efforts to launch a just and  
7       inclusive peace process;

8               (B) ensuring the full and effective deploy-  
9       ment of the UNAMID mission;

10              (C) ensuring the free and unfettered flow  
11       of humanitarian aid;

1 (D) promoting economic and political de-  
2 velopment programs;

3 (E) supporting full implementation of the  
4 Comprehensive Peace Agreement of 2005; and

5 (F) promoting justice and accountability;

6 (2) condemns the Government of Sudan for its  
7 continued obstruction of the deployment of United  
8 Nations-African Union peacekeepers and equipment;

9 (3) condemns the ongoing acts of violence in  
10 and obstruction of aid to Darfur committed by all  
11 parties; and

12 (4) calls upon the Government of Sudan and  
13 armed parties in the region to declare and respect  
14 an immediate cessation of hostilities, abide by the  
15 United Nations embargo on the importation of arms,  
16 cease predation and attacks upon humanitarian or-  
17 ganizations, and participate in international efforts  
18 to negotiate a lasting political settlement for the re-  
19 gion.

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