

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States of America
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Dear Mr. President:

Nineteen months after your administration declared the atrocities in the Darfur region of Sudan to be genocide, violence aimed at civilians remains constant, humanitarian conditions continue to deteriorate and the conflict is now spreading across Darfur's western border into Chad. In fact, according to the United Nations, in a recent wave of violence, Sudan's government and the government-backed janjaweed militia chased thousands of civilians out of 60 villages in Darfur.

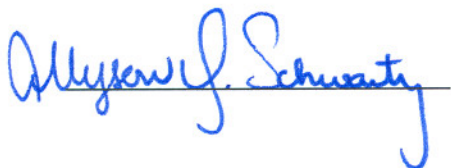
The international community, under the leadership of the United States, must do more to confront this genocide. And every country, regardless of its relationship or ties to the Sudanese government, has an obligation to stand with the international community in this effort. Yet, China, a major economic partner of Sudan, continues to be a roadblock in the international community's efforts to stop the genocide by providing diplomatic cover to the Sudanese government within the United Nations.

Furthermore, China continues to invest heavily in the Sudanese economy, including \$10 billion to develop Sudanese oil fields. Even more alarming, China has supplied Sudan with military equipment including tanks, artillery and fighter aircraft – perhaps the very equipment used to perpetrate the genocide.

As the United Nations Security Council works to determine what more can be done to stop the ongoing genocide, it is vital that the Chinese end their complicity and play a more constructive role. For example, China should help pressure Khartoum to allow a United Nations peacekeeping deployment to the region. We urge you to raise this matter with Chinese President Hu Jintao at your upcoming meeting and to seek a stronger commitment from the Chinese government to end the genocide in Darfur.

With China currently serving as the rotating President of the U.N. Security Council, it is time for the Chinese to demonstrate their willingness to be a responsible member of the international community by working with, instead of against, international efforts aimed at ending the genocide in Darfur. We appreciate your consideration of this request and wish you success in pressing this matter with President Hu.

Sincerely,



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