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Calling on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to assess the potential effectiveness of and requirements for a NATO-enforced no-fly zone in the Darfur region of Sudan.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 10, 2005

Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. DODD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. OBAMA, and Mrs. BOXER) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Calling on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to assess the potential effectiveness of and requirements for a NATO-enforced no-fly zone in the Darfur region of Sudan.

Whereas the Government of Sudan continues to commit crimes against humanity and engage in genocidal acts in the Darfur region of Sudan;

Whereas the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement between the government in Khartoum and the Sudanese People's Liberation Army on January 9, 2005, has not resulted in an improvement of the security situation in Darfur;

Whereas, on January 26, 2005, the Government of Sudan bombed the village of Rahad Kabolong in the state of North Darfur, killing an estimated 100 people;

Whereas, in February of 2005, the African Union reported that the security situation in Darfur had deteriorated over the course of the previous four months;

Whereas, in March 2005, Doctors Without Borders issued a report that stated that rape of women in Darfur continues unabated;

Whereas United Nations officials have stated that at least 70,000 people have died due to violence and insecurity in Darfur, but that the total is likely higher;

Whereas, according to the United Nations, the number of people internally displaced due to the conflict in Darfur has risen over the past year to nearly 1,850,000, and over 200,000 people are refugees in neighboring Chad;

Whereas aid organizations believe that approximately 1,000 people per day are dying as a direct and indirect result of the conflict in Darfur;

Whereas neither the mandate nor the troop strength of the African Union Mission in Sudan is adequate to protect civilians in that country; and

Whereas all members of the international community must participate in efforts to stop genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity in Darfur: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) strongly condemns the continued attacks on
4 civilians in Darfur;

1 (2) calls on all parties to abide by the terms of
2 the April 8, 2004, N'Djamena cease-fire agreement;

3 (3) calls on the Government of Sudan to imme-
4 diately withdraw all military aircraft from the region
5 and disarm the janjaweed militias;

6 (4) commends the Africa Union Mission in
7 Sudan for its actions to date in monitoring the im-
8 plementation of the N'Djamena cease-fire agreement
9 in Darfur;

10 (5) urges the President to immediately direct
11 the United States Permanent Representative to the
12 North Atlantic Treaty Organization to propose in
13 the North Atlantic Council that NATO assess and
14 report to members on the potential effectiveness of
15 and requirements for a NATO-enforced no-fly zone
16 across the Darfur region of Sudan; and

17 (6) calls upon NATO allies to support the dis-
18 patch of such an assessment mission.

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