

Whereas the Presidential Statement acknowledged “the position taken by the Central African and Chadian authorities in favor in principle of such a presence and looks forward to their continued engagement in preparing for it”;

Whereas a December 22, 2006, report of the United Nations Secretary-General (S/2006/1019) expressed a need to address the rapidly deteriorating security situation of Sudan, Chad, and the Central African Republic and to protect civilians in the border areas of Sudan, Chad, and the Central African Republic and recommended a robust mission that “would, among other tasks: facilitate the political process; protect civilians; monitor the human rights situation; and strengthen the local judicial, police and correctional system”;

Whereas the December 22, 2006, report went on to recommend that the force also be mandated and equipped to deter attacks by armed groups and react preemptively to protect civilians, including refugees and internally displaced persons, with rapid reaction capabilities;

Whereas on August 30, 2006, the United Nations Security Council passed Security Council Resolution 1706 (2006), authorizing a multidimensional presence consisting of political, humanitarian, military and civilian police liaison officers in key locations in Chad, including in the internally displaced persons and refugee camps and, if necessary, in the Central African Republic;

Whereas continuing hostilities will undermine efforts to bring security to the Darfur region of Sudan, dangerously destabilize volatile political and humanitarian situations in Chad and the Central African Republic, and potentially disrupt progress towards peace in southern Sudan;

Whereas a December 2006 United Nations assessment mission report outlined possibilities for a mission in Chad, including a force large enough to monitor the border, deter attacks, and provide civilian protection;

Whereas the United Nations Security Council has requested proposals for a United Nations force in Chad and the Central African Republic to help protect and provide humanitarian assistance to tens of thousands of civilians affected by the conflict that began in Darfur; and

Whereas a technical assessment mission was dispatched in January 2007 toward that end: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) expresses concern for the more than 1,000,000 citizens of Sudan, Chad, and the Central African Republic who have been adversely affected by this interrelated violence and instability;

(2) calls upon the Governments of Chad and Sudan—

(A) to reaffirm their commitment to the Tripoli Declaration of February 8, 2006, and the N’Djamena Agreement of July 26, 2006;

(B) to refrain from any actions that violate these agreements; and

(C) to cease all logistical, financial, and military support to each others’ insurgent groups;

(3) urges the Government of Chad to improve accountability and transparency as well as the provision of basic services to redeem the legitimacy of the Government in the eyes of its citizens;

(4) urges the Government of Chad to take action to increase political participation and to strengthen democratic institutions to ensure that all segments of society in Chad can participate in and benefit from a transparent, open, and capable government;

(5) urges the Government of Chad, the Government of Sudan, and other key regional and international stakeholders to commit to another round of inclusive political negotia-

tions that can bring lasting peace and stability to the region;

(6) calls upon the President to advocate for the appointment of a senior United Nations official to direct and coordinate all international humanitarian activities on both sides of Sudan’s western border and expand the response to emergency needs related to the political and humanitarian situation in the Central African Republic;

(7) urges the President to utilize the resources and leverage at the President’s disposal to press for the immediate deployment of an advance mission to eastern Chad to lay the groundwork for a robust multilateral and multidimensional presence;

(8) urges the United Nations Security Council to authorize a multilateral and multidimensional peacekeeping force to eastern Chad with the mandate and means—

(A) to ensure effective protection of civilians, particularly refugees and internally displaced persons, including by preempting, preventing, and deterring attacks on civilians;

(B) to organize regular patrols along the western border of Sudan and implement practical protection measures for asylum seekers;

(C) to maintain the civilian and humanitarian nature of the internally displaced persons and refugee camps in Chad and facilitate the efforts of aid workers;

(D) to deter, monitor, investigate, and report attacks on humanitarian personnel and assets;

(E) to provide around the clock physical security in the camps and surrounding areas, including organized patrols to guarantee freedom of movement to all civilians and humanitarian workers;

(F) to coordinate and share information with humanitarian organizations, actively preserve unhindered humanitarian access to all displaced persons, and ensure the safety of all humanitarian workers in accordance with international humanitarian law;

(G) to collect and report evidence of human rights violations and perpetrators to the United Nations on a timely and regular basis; and

(H) to support domestic and multilateral initiatives to strengthen local judicial, police, and correctional systems in Chad; and

(9) urges the President and the international community to coordinate efforts to make available sufficient resources in support of this multilateral and multidimensional mission, as well as adequate assistance to meet the continuing humanitarian and security needs of the individuals and areas most affected by this conflict.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 237. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes.

SA 238. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 237 proposed by Mr. REID to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, supra.

SA 239. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, supra.

SA 240. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 239 proposed by Mr. REID to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, supra.

SA 241. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 240 proposed by Mr. REID to the amendment SA 239 proposed by Mr. REID to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, supra.

SA 242. Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr.

CORNBYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KYL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 243. Mr. ALEXANDER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 244. Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 245. Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 246. Mr. MARTINEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 247. Mr. MARTINEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 249. Mr. MARTINEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 237. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of the resolution add the following:

This division shall take effect 2 days after date of enactment.

SA 238. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 237 proposed by Mr. REID to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes; as follows:

In the amendment strike 2 and insert 1.

SA 239. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of the resolution add the following:

This division shall take effect 5 days after date of enactment.

SA 240. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 239 proposed by Mr. REID to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes; as follows:

In the amendment strike 5 and insert 4.

SA 241. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 240 proposed by Mr. REID to the amendment SA 239 proposed by Mr. REID to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes; as follows:

In the amendment strike 4 and insert 3.

**SA 242.** Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KYL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. McCONNELL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 89, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:

“Sec. 20815. (a) The amount appropriated or otherwise made available by section 20804 for ‘Department of Defense Base Closure Account 2005’ is hereby increased by \$3,136,802,000.

“(b) ACROSS-THE-BOARD RESCISSIONS.—There is hereby rescinded an amount equal to 0.73 percent of—

“(1) the budget authority provided (or obligation limitation imposed) for fiscal year 2007 for any discretionary account in this division (except chapters 2 and 8 of this title and the amounts made available by section 101 for ‘Department of Defense Base Closure Account 1990’, ‘North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program’);

“(2) the budget authority provided in any advance appropriation for fiscal year 2007 for any discretionary account in any prior fiscal year appropriation Act; and

“(3) the contract authority provided in fiscal year 2007 for any program subject to limitation contained in any division or appropriation Act subject to paragraph (1).

“(c) PROPORTIONATE APPLICATION.—Any rescission made by subsection (b) shall be applied proportionately—

“(1) to each discretionary account and each item of budget authority described in this subsection; and

“(2) within each such account and item, to each program, project, and activity (with programs, projects, and activities as delineated in the appropriation Act or accompanying reports for the relevant fiscal year covering such account or item, or for accounts and items not included in appropriation Acts, as delineated in the most recently submitted President’s budget).”

**SA 243.** Mr. ALEXANDER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 72, line 20, strike “of which not to exceed \$200,000” and insert “of which \$99,000,000”.

**SA 244.** Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 54, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

“SEC. 20522. None of the funds made available by this division or any other Act

may be used by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to promulgate the final version of the rule entitled ‘NPDES Permit Fee Incentive for Clean Water Act Section 106 Grants; Allotment Formula’ (72 Fed. Reg. 293 (January 4, 2007)).

**SA 245.** Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 51, strike line 14 and insert the following: the managers in Conference Report 109-188, except that—

“(1) not less than \$5,500,000 of those amounts shall be used by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to develop alternative technologies to comply with the national primary drinking water regulations for disinfection byproducts promulgated pursuant to section 1452(q) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-12(q)); and

“(2) using not less than \$11,000,000 of those amounts, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall—

“(A) carry out a competitive grant program to continue the provision of technical assistance under section 1452(q) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-12(q)) to small public water system organizations; and

“(B) give priority for the provision of grants under the program to small public water system organizations that have the most support (or a majority of support) from small communities in each State.

**SA 246.** Mr. MARTINEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On 115, line 19, strike the colon and all that follows through the page 117, line 12, and insert a period.

**SA 247.** Mr. MARTINEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 117, line 10, strike the period, and insert the following: “: Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, the renewal funding formula set forth under the third proviso under this section shall not apply in determining the funding for the calendar year 2007 funding cycle of any public housing agency located in any jurisdiction in which the President declared a major disaster or emergency between January 1, 2004 and December 31, 2005 in connection with a hurricane.”

**SA 248.** Mr. MARTINEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 94, line 23, insert after “agency support programs” the following: “(with the Administrator authorized to reduce each subaccount as necessary to ensure full funding for exploration systems)”.

**SA 249.** Mr. MARTINEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 94, beginning on line 19, strike “\$10,075,000,000” and all that follows through line 25 and insert “\$10,524,400,000, of which \$5,251,200,000 shall be for science, \$724,400,000 shall be for aeronautics research, \$3,978,300,000 shall be for exploration systems, and \$491,700,000 shall be for cross-agency support programs (with the Administrator authorized to reduce each subaccount as necessary to ensure full funding for exploration systems); ‘Exploration Capabilities’, \$6,234,400,000; and ‘Office of Inspector General’, \$33,500,000. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the aggregate of the levels appropriated by this Act, other than the levels appropriated for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, are hereby reduced by \$545,300,000, with the amount of such reduction to be allocated among the accounts and subaccounts funded by this Act in such manner as the President shall specify.”

## NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

### COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Thursday, February 8, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a business meeting to consider pending legislative business, to be followed immediately by an oversight hearing on diabetes in Indian Country, with particular focus on the Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 224-2251.

### COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I would like to inform the Members that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship will hold a hearing entitled “Alternatives for Easing the Small Business Health Care Burden,” on Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at 10 a.m. in Russell 428A.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

### COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 8, 2007, at 11:30 a.m. to mark up an original bill entitled “Public Transportation Terrorism Prevention Act of 2007.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a hearing