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Support the Genocide Resolution
H.Res.193/S.Res.164



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To: Foreign affairs aide
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Re: Atlanta Journal Constitution article on the genocide in Sudan

Samantha Power, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "A Problem from Hell" - America and the Age of Genocide, is quoted in an Atlanta Journal Constitution article today about the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan" The newspaper noted that, in this book, she documented "a U.S. tendency to avoid decisive action when confronted with evidence of atrocities. From the slaughter of Armenian Christians in modern Turkey in 1915 to the execution of Bosnian Muslims in the mid-1990s, Power writes, 'decent men and women chose to look away.'"

Please do all that you can to make sure that, as a nation, we do not choose to look away once again. Support U.S. and international action to halt the genocide in Sudan, and work for the passage of the Genocide Resolution (H.Res.193 and S.Res.164) to reaffirm our collective commitment to the aims of the Genocide Convention.

As you may know, Power, one of our nation's leading voices on human rights, has called for the adoption of the Genocide Resolution:

For too long American leaders and citizens have reflexively uttered the phrase "never again" without taking concrete steps to give the slogan meaning. This legislation marks the beginning of a twenty-first century campaign to get the U.S. government to commit itself politically and operationally to prevent future genocide.

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A QUESTION OF GENOCIDE

Sudan's killing grounds

Slaughter of villagers sparks concern, debate

By [MARK BIXLER](#)

As one of the world's longest and most devastating wars nears an end, Atlanta-based CARE and the Carter Center are preparing to expand their work in southern Sudan even as other humanitarian organizations warn of possible genocide in another part of the country.

In the Darfur region of western Sudan, reports of atrocities reminiscent of mass killings in Bosnia, Cambodia and Rwanda have created a troubling dilemma for U.S. officials, who have avoided characterizing the killings as genocide because doing so would obligate them to act under terms of a treaty drafted in response to the Holocaust.

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Past reports of mass killings, however, have prompted a muted response from the United States.

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In Rwanda in 1994, the international community did little as members of the Hutu ethnic majority hacked, shot and burned to death 800,000 members of the minority Tutsis. President Bill Clinton said in Rwanda in 1998 the United States should have done more to stop the killing.

That experience has informed the U.S. response to the "crimes against humanity" in Darfur, said Jemera Rone, a Sudan expert at Human Rights Watch/Africa in Washington.

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