



Co-Sponsor the Sudan Peace and Stability Act of 2010

At the end of September, Senators Kerry and Brownback introduced a bill to promote peace and stability in southern Sudan and Darfur. The bill is known as the Sudan Peace and Stability Act of 2010. Current co-sponsors include Senators Durbin, Feingold and Wicker.

In addition to encouraging the designation of a senior U.S. official to aid the Darfur peace process, the legislation:

- Spells out the objectives of U.S. policy on Sudan and the tools available to pursue it;
- Emphasizes the need for all parties to commit to see the Comprehensive Peace Agreement through the referenda and beyond;
- Underscores the importance of Darfur and provides policy guidance on both the peace process and the humanitarian situation; and
- Lays legal groundwork, spurs humanitarian planning, and shapes the U.S.'s policy framework for the likelihood of southern Sudan's secession.

Please co-sponsor the Sudan Peace and Stability Act of 2010. To co-sponsor please contact Shannon Smith in Chairman Kerry's office or Kody Kness in Senator Brownback's office. *(Note: Due to a technical problem, there will be no bill number for the act until Congress is back in session in mid-November.)*

Co-Sponsor Senate Concurrent Resolution 71

On August 5, 2010, Senators Feingold and Collins introduced a concurrent resolution in support of genocide and mass atrocity prevention. The resolution recognizes "the United States national interest in helping to prevent and mitigate acts of genocide and other mass atrocities against civilians, and supporting and encouraging efforts to develop a whole of government approach to prevent and mitigate such acts."

Most significantly, the resolution:

- Recognizes that preventing genocide is in the national interest of the United States;
- Recognizes the importance of employing a whole of government approach and working with international partners to most effectively prevent genocide;
- Urges the review and evaluation of existing U.S. capacities for anticipating, preventing, and responding to genocide and other mass atrocities, and to determine specific steps to coordinate and enhance those capacities
- Underscores the need to train foreign service officers in early warning and conflict prevention, mitigation and resolution;
- Urges a review of sanctions and other financial measures that can be used against state and commercial actors found to be directly supporting or enabling genocide; and
- Recognizes the need for flexible contingency crisis funding.

This initiative has the support of Genocide Intervention Network, Save Darfur Coalition, ENOUGH Project and other groups that include the Better World Campaign of the United Nations Foundation, Citizens for Global Solutions, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Human Rights First, Oxfam America, Refugees International and 3D Security.

Please co-sponsor S.Con.Res.71. To co-sponsor please contact Sarah Margon in Senator Feingold's office or Ryan Kaldahl in Senator Collins' office.