

END THE KILLING IN DARFUR



U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE CONDOLEEZZA RICE: NO MORE DELAYS IN DARFUR. END OBSTRUCTION TO PEACEKEEPING DEPLOYMENT.

Dear Secretary Rice:

We, the undersigned, are deeply concerned about the continued suffering of civilians in Darfur, Sudan and eastern Chad. More than five years on, the conflict has led to some of the worst human rights abuses imaginable. Hundreds of thousands of civilians have been killed by deliberate and indiscriminate attacks, and more than 2.5 million civilians remain displaced. Insecurity in the region continually escalates, and civilians and humanitarian aid workers alike are at risk of further violence.

The people of Darfur need the full deployment of UN-AU peacekeepers now.

The UN urgently needs two things to make the joint United Nations-African Union (UN-AU) force happen: (1) Ground and air transport equipment, including 24 helicopters; and (2) An end to the Sudanese government's obstruction of deployment.

We therefore strongly urge you to use the full authority of your office to:

- **Influence mutual allies to press the Government of Sudan to quit stalling and facilitate the speedy deployment of the full UN-AU peacekeeping force.**
- **Set an example by providing funding for, and using all available diplomatic means to secure contributions of, critical land and air transport equipment, including helicopters.**

As UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon said: "Again, we are at a critical moment for Darfur. Time is running out."

We therefore urge you to work with other world leaders to put an end to the devastating violence in Darfur by getting UN-AU boots on the ground with everything they need to protect civilians.

Sincerely,

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