

## **April Alert**

On March 24, 2006, the UN Security Council passed a resolution requesting more rapid planning for a proposed UN peacekeeping operation in Darfur, Sudan. While the resolution recognized the need for greater urgency in the planning process, the Security Council has not yet committed to authorizing such a mission. As conditions in Darfur continue to deteriorate, we recognize that there is an urgent need for a strong international peacekeeping force to be deployed to Darfur to complement and reinforce the African Union mission on the ground.

### **Send postcards to:**

President George W. Bush  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

H.E. Mr. John R. Bolton, Ambassador  
Permanent U.S. Representative to the U.N.  
140 East 45<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10017

Mr. Robert Zoellick  
Deputy Secretary of State  
2201 C. Street. NW  
Washington, DC 20520

*Canadians may also want to write to:*  
H.E. Sir Emyr Jones Perry, Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Great Britain  
One Dag Hammarskjold Plaza  
885 Second Ave.  
New York, NY 10017

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

It is essential that the U.S./U.K. redouble its efforts to persuade the African Union to accept an international peacekeeping force. It is time to use the leverage of our nation to pressure the principal decision makers to ensure protection for the people of Darfur through a UN peacekeeping operation. The people of Darfur cannot wait for six months or more for security.

I urge you to introduce a resolution at the Security Council for a multinational intervention in Darfur to protect civilians. Without immediate action we abandon the lives of many innocent people.

Sincerely,  
Name  
Congregation/organization

### **Additional Background for Letters:**

-In recent months, there has been a spike in violence and humanitarian organizations face increasing risks to their operations.

-There is a growing consensus around the world for an international protection force in Darfur to stop the violence, provide security to humanitarian efforts, facilitate peace talks and support the voluntary return of displaced people to their land.

-The U.S. and the U.K. have the unique responsibility to take leadership in the process of achieving a resolution for the international community to intervene to stop genocide.

-Genocide is a unique crime against humanity that require international intervention to stop the violence.

-The U.N. is the appropriate international body to take action, as it is an institution with the central purpose of protecting nations and defending humanity itself.

**For more information:**

[www.africaaction.org](http://www.africaaction.org)

**Films on Darfur:**

Darfur Diaries [www.darfurfilm.org](http://www.darfurfilm.org)

All About Darfur [www.californianewsreel.com](http://www.californianewsreel.com)

Translating Genocide [www.mtvu.com](http://www.mtvu.com)

Staring Genocide in the Face [www.ushmm.org/conscience](http://www.ushmm.org/conscience)