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Dear Congresswoman Wilson:

The number of Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) members joining the Sudan Caucus is growing, an apparent reaction to the genocide that is still ongoing. Presently 23 out of the 44 CBC members have joined, of which eight (8) have joined this year.

Given this ongoing genocide, we urge you to join your colleagues in the Sudan Caucus.

The latest Congressional Hearing on Sudan affirmed that the genocide in Sudan is still ongoing: Congressman James McGovern summarized the testimony as follows: "We are all agreeing, we are using the word 'genocide', so this is not just a violent civil conflict." (Lantos Human Rights Commission Hearing on Sudan, 15 June, 2013)

The history of genocide in Sudan is a long and horrific one (conservative estimates):

- 1955 - 1972	Khartoum vs. S. Sudanese people	deaths	1 million
- 1983 - 2005	Khartoum vs. S. Sudanese people	deaths	2.5 million
- 1988 - 2002	Khartoum vs. Nuba people	deaths	100,000
- 2003 -2013	Khartoum vs. Darfuri people	deaths	500,000
- 2011 - 2013	Khartoum vs. Nuba, Blue Nile	deaths	50,000

It was not until 9 September, 2004, that General Colin Powell, in testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, described the events in Darfur as "genocide". Other members of Congress have since asserted the same: Senator Robert Menendez at a Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing in 2007; and Congressman James McGovern at the Lantos HRC Hearing on Sudan, 2013. Indeed, the International Criminal Court in 2010, after extensive research and analysis, issued a warrant of arrest to Al-Bashir and two of his cohorts for the crime of genocide.

In addition to the ground and bombing attacks on civilians, other modes of atrocities are being deployed-- displacement, rape, and starvation. Add to this the obstinate blockage of any humanitarian supplies by Khartoum.

"The issue is clearly one of racial and ethnic genocide: the killing of black people by the Arab-controlled government of Sudan. This government attacks all black people whether they are Muslim, Christian, or Traditionalists so long as those black people do not accept Arab culture; this is why the wars in Sudan must be considered bloody genocidal battles against the African people." (Prof. Molefi Asante, Amsterdam News, July 11, 2013)

We need to acknowledge this ongoing genocide, and take the steps necessary to stop it.

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