

## AFRICAN FREEDOM COALITION

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Dear Senator:

### **Sudan presses US about State Sponsors of Terrorism (SST) list:**

Sudan has been pressing the US to de-list it from SST, and to restore its sovereign immunity. President Trump agreed in late October to de-list Sudan, contingent on its normalizing relations with Israel, giving Congress 45 days to reject it.

### **Update this week, December 1 and 2, 2020:**

—General al-Burhan, the head of Sudan’s Sovereign Council, told Secretary Pompeo that Sudan would *not* normalize with Israel unless Congress also restored its sovereign immunity.

—Sudan PM Hamdok publicly claimed that the US Congress *will* approve the removal and restore Sudan’s sovereign immunity on December 11!

### **Consequences of the issues at stake:**

—If the US were to de-list Sudan from SST, the financial benefits would accrue therefrom to the present ruling racist génocidaire regime, leaving the Sudanese Black population at its mercy.

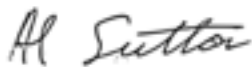
—If Congress were to restore Sudan’s sovereign immunity, the immediate effect would be to betray the 9/11 families in their quest for justice.

—Also at stake is the resolution of the East African Embassy bombings, in which Sudan offered to pay a sum below 3% of what the US courts awarded, and which discriminates against the non-American families, most of whom are Black.

### **Congress’s role:**

Congress is facing a deadline to decide on de-listing Sudan from SST; and on granting Sudan sovereign immunity. In 2019, the Senate rejected de-listing Sudan from SST by unanimously passing S. Res. 188 —“until Sudan transitions to a civilian-led government, it will remain on the SST—“. This month, Congress needs to reaffirm that moral choice, thereby protecting the Sudanese people from ongoing genocide. Nor must Congress restore Sudan’s sovereign immunity, as doing so would deny justice to the 9/11 families, and *any* other victims of Sudan’s terrorism and genocide.

Congress must not allow itself to be coerced into following the parochial priorities of the CIA, the Department of State, and this Administration.



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