

July 22, 2010

The Honorable Barack H. Obama
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

In October 2009, Secretary Clinton and Ambassador Rice announced a new U.S. Sudan policy based on benchmarks and decisive action, including pressures and consequences on those obstructing peace and justice. Regrettably, your administration appears to be AWOL on the U.S. Sudan policy, having abandoned it at a crucial time in Sudan's history.

We, the 43 undersigned human rights and anti-genocide organizations representing citizens from 20 states, write to ask that you fix the policy in four specific areas as outlined in the recent new [report](#) by the Enough Project titled, "What's Wrong with U.S. Policy Toward Sudan, and How to Fix It." The four specific areas where U.S. policy is off course include a flawed peace process in Darfur, a hands-off approach to critical negotiations to prevent renewed North-South war, the role of the United States in building leverage for peace, and justice as an essential component of sustainable peace.

We agree with the overall premise of the paper that U.S. policy is not contributing in a meaningful way to creating peace and justice in Sudan, and that words and actions of U.S. officials have undermined the Administration's influence there, just when its efforts are needed most. With only six months until the self-determination referenda for South Sudan and Abyei, U.S. policymakers have failed to act decisively to prevent a return to war between North and South Sudan, or to resolve the escalating conflict and worsening humanitarian crisis in Darfur.

President Obama, we ask that you, Vice-President Biden, Secretary Clinton and Ambassador Rice all read this important report and re-dedicate yourselves as leaders of the Administration to implementing the policy you introduced in October 2009 including quarterly deputies meetings to assess progress against benchmarks. We also ask that you work collectively to direct the steps outlined in this report to set the U.S. Sudan policy back on a path toward sustainable peace and justice for all Sudanese people.

Sincerely,

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