Mr. Speaker, 3 years

ago, Congress declared the atrocities in

Darfur to be acts of genocide. Since acknowledging

this genocide, we have

implemented unilateral sanctions

against the Sudanese Government.

We’ve authorized funds for peacekeeping

and humanitarian assistance

in the region. We’ve called for concerted

international action to end the

abominations in Darfur, yet the genocide

continuous.

There have been 400,000 people killed,

2.5 million have been forced out of

their homes, and 1 million continue to

live under the constant threat of bombing,

rapes, murder and torture by government

troops and the janjaweed militias.

International diplomacy has failed to

force Sudanese President al-Bashir to

stop pursuing his genocidal policies.

We cannot afford to fail anymore.

Every possible means must be employed

to pressure the Sudanese Government

to allow the rapid deployment

of an international peacekeeping force

large enough to protect the civilian

population in Darfur.