Mr.

Speaker, I also rise to support this legislation

to treat the monstrous Bashir

regime in the Sudan like the pariah it

deserves to be. I also visited the Sudan

in April as a member of a congressional

delegation led by Majority Leader

STENY HOYER. Ms. LEE, the author of

this important legislation was a member

of that delegation, as was Ms. ROSLEHTINEN,

who just spoke a few minutes

ago.

I returned from the Sudan even more

convinced that we must not waiver in

our effort to end the genocide in

Darfur. The Bashir regime, just last

week, again rejected a draft United Nations

resolution to deploy a joint

peacekeeping force to use all necessary

means to end the violence in Darfur, to

end the killing, to secure order.

The Bashir regime has repeatedly

called an international force an affront

to their sovereignty. The Bashir regime

has forfeited their sovereignty,

their claim to sovereignty, by committing

genocide, by sponsoring genocide

against their own people. In the last 4

years, 400,000 to 450,000 people have

been killed in Darfur; 2.5 million people

have abandoned their homes to seek

refuge from the violence; 4 million rely

on food assistance.

The Bashir regime’s claim of sovereignty

is a flimsy legalism in the

face of the atrocities in Darfur. This

legislation will hold up for public

shame the companies that invest in the

Sudan or conduct business with the

Sudan that will seek profits, even in

the face of the genocide in Darfur.

Sixty years ago, as the enormity of

the Holocaust sank in, humanity promised

never again. But the world has let

genocide happen again and again, most

recently in Rwanda. Kofi Annan, then-

Secretary General of the United Nations,

admitted that the world failed

the people of Rwanda. I refuse to fail

the people of the Sudan, of Darfur, as

we failed the people of Rwanda. I am

determined to keep the promise of 60

years ago. Never again.