Thank you, Madam Chair, for holding this

hearing.

You know, the United States is constantly called upon to fix

every measure of conflict throughout the world, and this is due to

the generosity of the American taxpayer, the philosophical ideals

that govern us. It is very difficult for us to stand by and watch humanity

be slaughtered before our eyes. A third fact is that we are

a unique and exceptional super power.

So, in order to understand where we are now, we ought to look

back just a few short weeks when the United States was being

pressured to unilaterally implement a no fly zone by the international

community and within this body as well. And once the

British and French, particularly, stopped pontificating, were willing

to put up their own assets, that then empowered the United States

to be a part of an international coalition that is achieving some

success now.

With that, I know there are questions remaining about notification

to Congress and the scope and duration of this, but questions

also remain as to the robustness of the Arab League commitment.

It was very important to get that affirmation up front, but we need

to know what type of assets they are going to put up.

Ultimately, Libya must be controlled, the outcome, by Libyans,

North Africa must be controlled by North Africans. Where is the

African Union? Where is the Arab League in terms of commitment

to resources?

Thank you, Madam Chair.