Yes, I just want to echo the sentiments that have

been expressed about Secretary Zoellick. I think it is reflective of

a desire to address this issue which we are all concerned about.

I also want to commend Members of this Committee, particularly

Don Payne and Barbara Lee and Diane Watson and Joe Wilson

and Mr. Royce and yourself, Mr. Chairman, and, of course, the

Ranking Member, for continuing to make this issue a priority not

just for the Committee but for the American people.

I yield back.

Yes, my question is, I think we are looking to

this UN peacekeeping force with hope and optimism that it will

play an effective role. Yet, simultaneously, there appears to be a

crisis in terms of the budget for the United Nations occurring

sometime in June or July.

Is the U.S. Mission in New York at the United Nations coordinating

with the UN Ambassador—you, Mr. Pierson—in terms of

dealing with this issue? I think it is very, very critical that everybody

is on the same page, and that we stand up and resolve it so

that this particular peacekeeping operation, which is probably one

of the largest ever, is successful.