Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

And to Mr. Payne, thank you for your courtesy in allowing me

to be a guest. Let me thank this Committee for the heavy lifting

that you did on the genocide bill and, obviously, Don Payne, who

has led us on this issue. We cannot give him more appreciation,

but this Committee has really been tough.

I want to associate myself with the words of Ambassador Watson.

A codel would be excellent, but a working codel and one in

which we could generate the collaboration between State Department,

USAID, and Members of Congress.

I sat down with the refugees in Chad and looked at the extreme

desperation and the—obviously, the brutality against the women.

I asked the question about the implementation, which I think is so

key, and that is that we expect General Kofi Annan to have before

the Security Council a proposal. And I believe that this has to be

the United States’s shining moment; we cannot allow the Security

Council not to pass a strong recommendation for peacekeepers, African

Union collaboration and others.

And so my question would be, the detailed action plan that we

will engage in to make sure that we go from A to Z.

And my second question is, the humanitarian aspect of it. It was

tragic to hear that we are now cutting funding in half because donors

have cut in half their money—the food supplement to starving

people in Chad and, of course, in the Darfur camps as well in the

southern region.

So I would be eager to hear what we are doing to reengage the

international family to ensure that we get the right amount of

money for that engagement, and adding to that, the engagement of

the Arab leagues, what we can do to push them toward humanitarian

relief.

And I thank you. I hope we can have the codel we spoke about

it, and I think it would be crucial. And I thank you again for allowing

me—I ask for unanimous consent to submit my statement, my

opening statement in the record.

Thank you. I yield back.

I asked her about that in a meeting, and let

me thank her for accepting the recommendation that we made, and

she obviously went immediately to the UN. Thank you.