Good morning. For too long, the people

of Darfur have suffered at the hands of a

Government that is complicit in the bombing,

murder, and rape of innocent civilians.

My administration has called these actions

by their rightful name: genocide. The world

has a responsibility to help put an end to

it.

Last month, I announced that the United

States was prepared to take new steps if the

Government of Sudan did not allow the full

deployment of a U.N. peacekeeping force,

if the Government did not begin living up

to its many commitments, that the United

States would act. I made clear that the time

for promises was over, and that President

Bashir had to do something to end the suffering.

I held off implementing these steps because

the United Nations believed that President

Bashir could meet his obligations to stop

the killing and would meet his obligations to

stop the killing. Unfortunately, he hasn’t met

those obligations. President Bashir’s actions

over the past few weeks follow a long pattern

of promising cooperation while finding new

methods for obstruction.

One day after I spoke, the military bombed

a meeting of rebel commanders designed to

discuss a possible peace deal with the Government.

In the following weeks, he used his

army and Government-sponsored militias to

attack rebels and civilians in south Darfur.

He’s taken no steps to disarm these militias

in the year since the Darfur Peace Agreement

was signed. Senior officials continue to

oppose the deployment of the U.N. peacekeeping

force.

The result is that the dire security situation

on the ground in Darfur has not changed.

And so today, at my instruction, the United

States has taken the steps I announced in

April.

First, the Department of Treasury is tightening

U.S. economic sanctions on Sudan.

With this new effort, the United States will

more aggressively enforce existing sanctions

against Sudan’s Government.

As part of this effort, the Treasury Department

will add 30 companies owned or controlled

by the Government of Sudan to its

list of Specially Designated Nationals. We’re

also adding an additional company to the list,

a company that has been transporting weapons

to the Sudanese Government and militia

forces in Darfur. All these companies are

now barred from the U.S. financial system.

It is a crime for American companies and

individuals to knowingly do business with

them.

Second, we’re targeting sanctions against

individuals responsible for violence. These

sanctions will isolate these persons by cutting

them off from the U.S. financial system, barring

them from doing business with any

American citizen or company, and calling the

world’s attention to their crimes.

Third, I’m directing the Secretary of State

to consult with the United Kingdom and

other allies on a new United Nations Security

Council resolution. This resolution will apply

new sanctions against the Government of

Sudan, against individuals found to be violating

human rights or obstructing the peace

process. It will impose an expanded embargo

on arms sales to the Government of Sudan.

It will prohibit the Sudanese Government

from conducting any offensive military flights

over Darfur. It will strengthen our ability to

monitor and report any violations.

At the same time, we will continue to push

for U.N. support, including funding for the

African Union peacekeepers, who remain the

only force in Darfur that is protecting the

people. We will continue to work for the deployment

of a larger, hybrid force of AU and

U.N. peacekeeping troops. We will continue

to support the diplomacy of U.N. Secretary-

General Ban Ki-moon. We will continue to

insist on the full implementation of the

Darfur Peace Agreement. We will continue

to promote a broadly supported and inclusive

political settlement that is the only long-term

solution to the crisis in Darfur.

America’s commitment is clear. Since this

conflict began, we have provided more than

$1.7 billion in humanitarian and peacekeeping

assistance for Darfur. We are the

world’s largest single donor to the people of

Darfur. We’re working for the day when the

families of this troubled region are allowed

to return safely to their homes and rebuild

their lives in peace.

The people of Darfur are crying out for

help, and they deserve it. I urge the United

Nations Security Council, the African Union,

and all members of the international community

to reject any efforts to obstruct implementation

of the agreements that would

bring peace to Darfur and Sudan.

I call on President Bashir to stop his obstruction

and to allow the peacekeepers in

and to end the campaign of violence that continues

to target innocent men, women, and

children. And I promise this to the people

of Darfur: The United States will not avert

our eyes from a crisis that challenges the conscience

of the world.

Thank you very much.