Mr. President, I compliment

my friend from Illinois. He

might be interested to know I met with

the Secretary General of the United

Nations on Monday in his office. I indicated

I wanted to know what he was

prepared to propose. As you know,

there are three phases to the process

whereby the Sudanese have agreed to

the implementation of ultimately

21,000 troops made up of the African

Union as well as United Nations forces.

He indicated he would have an answer

as to what he thought might be able to

be done probably by the end of Memorial

Day. My point to him was similar

to my friend from Illinois. If, in fact,

the Sudanese Government refuses to

allow, on the basis of their sovereignty,

the placement of U.N. forces on the

ground, that it violates their sovereignty.

I indicated I believed—and others believe

as well—that the country forfeits

its sovereignty when it participates

and engages in genocide and that we,

the United States, should push the Security

Council to implement the placement

of those troops on the ground regardless

of what Khartoum says. Further,

if they don’t, it is my view the

United States unilaterally should engage

through a no-fly zone as well as

the placement of 2,500 troops on the

ground to take out the Janjaweed.

That is not a political settlement, but

the point I made to the Secretary General

was, as we talk about the ultimate

problem, the need for a political settlement,

it is like talking about a patient

who has cancer and on the way to the

operating room falls off the gurney and

slits his jugular vein and is bleeding to

death. Everybody says: We have to

take care of the cancer. But they are

going to bleed to death.

I have been in those camps in Darfur,

actually on the border of Darfur. I have

visited them in Chad. One camp with

30,000 women and children in it, over

300,000 in that region, deteriorating

rapidly. It is a human disaster. I hope

if, in fact, the United Nations doesn’t

act, the Senate will be prepared to act

to support pushing the President to

have the United States lead.

The point I am making is, I compliment

my friend for continuing to

keep this in the consciousness of our

colleagues and the public.