Yes, if you would not mind.

Great. Thank you very much.

I want to thank in absentia the chairman and the ranking member

for holding this hearing on what I consider the grave situation

and some have marked as the gravest humanitarian crisis that exists

in the world today, which I think there is no doubt that that

is the case.

Let me ask, if I could, a couple of questions. As a followup, Mr.

Snyder, you were saying there are 120 monitors from the African

Union that are in and on the ground in the Darfur region or are

moving forward? I did not quite catch that.

Should not this number be substantially

higher and not just monitors, but actual peacekeepers, if we are to

try to stabilize this situation? It seems like that number is quite

low to accomplish the task that is in front of us.

Let me ask Mr. Winter—and I thank you

for traveling into this region, something that I intend to do myself,

and working with others. We have got to get this aid in quickly.

Are we going to need to pass additional supplemental resources

near-term before we can get to an omnibus package, say by the end

of this year, in order to be able to meet the pressing humanitarian

needs that exist? Or can the administration find the resources to

meet the humanitarian needs on the ground now in Darfur?

It seems to me that in the Iraqi supplemental

that is being considered now, and everybody is trying to

keep it clean and I would love to do that as well, but this is really

the vehicle and the timeliness that we need to put some additional

resources to meet this greatest humanitarian need that we have in

the world today.

I am not asking either of you to comment on that. I understand

the administration position, but I also understand the needs. If we

do everything right, I believe Mr. Natsios has said that we are

looking at 300,000 deaths if everything goes right. If things go

wrong we could be looking at somewhere far exceeding that number.

So this is a great, pressing situation. I also think, as you alluded

to, Kofi Annan should travel to Darfur to bring further international

pressure and focus into this region, so that the African

countries, the rest of the world, looks at this horrific humanitarian

situation and addresses it, not just the United States.

I have spoken with Sudanese officials, expressed my frustration.

They say: well, the United States is on the leading edge of this, but

it should be other countries as well. It should be the Europeans,

it should be the other African countries. Kofi Annan would be singularly

positioned to be able to draw that attention to this.

Yes, and I would invite him now publicly

to go with me to that region. He really can bring an authenticity

to it that is desperately needed, so we do not see hundreds of thousands

more die.

Mr. Chairman, thank you for holding this hearing. I am going to

run over and vote.