General, thank you very much for your testimony,

and especially for your remarkable public service. As Senator

Isakson noted, it doesn’t get more difficult than the assignment

you have. We’re grateful for your service, a continuation of

service to the country which goes back a number of years. We’re

grateful for that.

And in particular, I wanted to follow up some of the questions

Senator Isakson had as it relates to the—I guess, the general topic

of what has happened and what is happening now with regard to

aid organizations. I know you played an instrumental role in the

reentry of those organizations into the country. But, I wanted to

get your sense of that, generally, in terms of the impact of the expulsion

or the—if any—the continuing impact of that expulsion.

Second, to have a conversation about efforts that you have made,

and will continue to make, to reduce gender-based violence. How

do we do that? What are the steps to implement? I know you spoke

of it a moment ago. And in your testimony, I know you cite the,

‘‘imperative of reducing gender-based violence in Sudan.’’

So, I guess, generally, two questions: One on the—kind of, the

status of the impact to the aid organizations, or the impact of not

having them there for a period of time; and then, second, the gender-

based violence, the strategy to combat that.

In the short term, as it relates to that violence

against women, is it both a resource and a structural question? In

other words, that—as you said, they need to have a place to go for

counseling and other services. But—and I realize that’s—that could

be both resources and structure—but, is there a basic law-enforcement

protective element that’s missing here—that there aren’t

enough law enforcement officials that are creating the kind of

order, or investigating an allegation of rape, or investigating an act

of violence? What—in other words, what is it that you have to do

in the short term? I realize the long-term question of integration

is into—that those are longer term questions. But, short term,

what is—what exactly do we need to have happen to bring down

the level of violence, in addition to having extra services, like counseling

and other services?

How do you change that? Just those two—the

lateness of the—you know, after 10 o’clock, when they’re going out

to collect fire—I mean, how do you change that, in the near term?

Thanks very much.