Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

And welcome to the committee. I appreciate your being here.

And let me just pick up, I guess, on where Senator Lugar and

Senator Biden were heading. There’s obviously a sort of an antiseptic

quality here as we gather in a hearing room like this and

talk about the situation. And, you know, and you read these numbers,

and the numbers can be dulling, in a way. You read the number

of a quarter of a million to half a million have died, two million

displaced, they just don’t seem to have the—kind of, the potency

I wish they did, because the fact that there are many young people

lined up around this building trying to get into this hearing is an

indication of how deeply felt this issue is, and growing, and with

great legitimacy.

Let me just focus on two areas. One is, it seems to me that we’ve

tried several things, here. In the committee that I chair, the Banking

Committee, we were able to pass, unanimously—Senator Bob

Casey is a member of that committee, Senator Bob Corker, Senator

Hagel, all on that committee with me—and we passed out of our

committee, back in December, unanimously, a sanctions bill on the

Sudanese Government, assisting States and localities to be able to

disenfranchise their financial support for the Sudanese Government.

And I wonder if you might share with us, because, in some

sense, if you can stop feeding the beast that supports these activities

financially, it may have a desired effect. And I wonder if you’d

comment on that. How effective are these measures? Why aren’t we

getting more support for that approach around the world? I guess

I understand, from time to time, the unwillingness or the inability

for people to find helicopters or other equipment to provide for a

situation that could provide some stability and resolve a military

conflict, but, to the extent the world community could stand up and

decide not to finance those who are doing this, would be one quick

measure. In fact, the mere announcement of it may have the desired

effect. But, when you’re acting, sort of, alone or not getting

the kind of cooperation, it’s awfully hard to achieve that. So, I wonder

if you’d comment on that approach.

And then, second, in a very practical matter, Senator Biden and

Senator Lugar have a proposal here, which I think all of us are

supporting—I certainly am—a resolution calling for the 24 helicopters

that are needed. Would you comment on the likelihood of

the international community responding to that request, for that

very practical request for assistance to be able to manage, or at

least to try to do something more constructive to avoid the continued

genocide that’s going on.

Well, let us know. I mean, 4,000 helicopters with

the NATO countries, it seems to me this shouldn’t take a piece of

legislation. Do you have any suggestions for us here as to how we

might effectuate that—the release of 24 helicopters?

Well, I’d just say, we all have that same sense of

lack of credulity in all of this. How can we be in this situation, with

these numbers over this period of time? And this pathetic response

is breathtaking, candidly.

Now they say experience matters.

Sikorsky.

Just want to get in a pitch.