Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I’m not sure which of you would like to address this question. I’d

like to follow up a little bit on Senator Corker’s questions about

what’s happening with women in Sudan and the gender-based violence

that’s been going on there.

When the government expelled those 13 NGOs, there was—the

programs that they were doing, including many that address sexual

and gender-based violence, were lost. Can you address what the

current status of those are? Have any of them been restored? And

is the Government of Sudan obstructing efforts to restore those

gender-based-violence programs?

Thank you, I appreciate that. Senator Feingold

and Senator Boxer held a hearing earlier, several months ago,

where we heard directly from women who had been—and people

who had been working with women in Darfur, who talked about

the deliberate effort to use sexual violence as a substitute for genocide.

And I think whatever we do can’t come fast enough and be

important enough to address the very difficult issues that women

and families on the ground there are facing. So, I would urge you

to continue in every effort possible. And if we, on this committee,

can be helpful, we would—I certainly stand ready to do that.

You talked about the UNAMID mission in Darfur, and I know

that it was authorized in 2007. We still aren’t—supposed to be one

of the biggest peacekeeping forces ever assembled, particularly in

Africa, and yet we’ve seen real delays in its deployment. So, can

you talk about the gaps in their capacity, about how we’re working

to address those gaps, and what the prospect is for increasing their

capacity to address the challenge on the ground there?

So, what’s our plan to do that?