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Condemning in the strongest terms the attacks on African Union peacekeepers that occurred in Haskanita, Darfur, Sudan, on September 29, 2007.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (for herself, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. LANTOS, Ms. ROSLEHTINEN, Ms. LEE, Mr. MCCAUL of Texas, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. FORTUÑO, Mr. McNULTY, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. WYNN, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Ms. CLARKE, and Mr. RUSH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Condemning in the strongest terms the attacks on African Union peacekeepers that occurred in Haskanita, Darfur, Sudan, on September 29, 2007.

Whereas, on September 29, 2007, an estimated 1,000 members of a heavily-armed Darfur rebel group overran a small base in Haskanita, Darfur, Sudan, occupied by the African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS), brutally killing 10 peacekeepers—seven Nigerian peacekeepers and three other soldiers from Mali, Senegal, and Botswana—and wounding seven peacekeepers, with 50 soldiers missing;

Whereas, in an assault described by the African Union commander as “deliberate and sustained”, the rebel group

broke into the AMIS base in 30 vehicles with heavy artillery and mortars and battled for hours until AMIS forces ran out of ammunition;

Whereas the attacks were the worst attacks on AMIS peacekeepers since the deployment of the peacekeepers to Sudan in July 2004;

Whereas the United Nations Security Council condemned the “murderous attack” on AMIS peacekeepers and demanded that “no effort be spared” to identify and bring to justice the perpetrators of the attacks;

Whereas, in the aftermath of the attacks, Haskanita has been burned to the ground, driving more than 15,000 civilians into the bush or neighboring towns;

Whereas the attacks have been openly condemned by the United States Government, the African Union, the international community, and civilized people everywhere;

Whereas the Government of Sudan has not publicly spoken out against or condemned the attacks; and

Whereas the attacks occurred amid international peace efforts to deploy a hybrid African Union-United Nations peacekeeping force to Darfur, Sudan, and convene peace talks scheduled for October 27, 2007, in Tripoli, Libya: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) condemns in the strongest terms the attacks
3 on African Union peacekeepers that occurred in
4 Haskanita, Darfur, Sudan, on September 29, 2007;

5 (2) expresses its condolences to the people and
6 Governments of Nigeria, Mali, Senegal, and Bot-

1 swana, the families and friends of those individuals
2 who were killed or missing in the attacks, and ex-
3 presses its sympathies to those individuals who have
4 been injured;

5 (3) expresses the solidarity of the people and
6 Government of the United States with the African
7 Union and the African Union peacekeepers as they
8 recover from these cowardly and inhuman attacks;

9 (4) expresses its readiness to support efforts to
10 bring to justice those individuals responsible for the
11 attacks and efforts to detect, pursue, disrupt, and
12 dismantle the networks that plan and carry out such
13 attacks;

14 (5) expresses its support for the people of
15 Darfur, Sudan, in their continued struggle against
16 extremism and violence and support for their efforts
17 to secure a permanent peace, justice, and return to
18 their restored villages and homes; and

19 (6) encourage all parties involved in the conflict
20 to commit to negotiate a final and binding peace
21 agreement at the peace talks scheduled for October
22 27, 2007, in Tripoli, Libya.

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