

Resolution

WHEREAS, Ninety percent of Darfur's villages have been destroyed; and

WHEREAS, over 400,000 non-Arab citizens have been slaughtered; and

WHEREAS, nearly three million people have been displaced; and

WHEREAS, Former Secretary of State General Colin Powell has labeled the situation in Sudan as "genocide" and has referred to it as the worst humanitarian crisis of the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, the University of Chicago maintains investments in companies that conduct business with the Sudanese Government; and

WHEREAS, on November 11, 1967 the university recorded a document titled Report on the University's Role in Political and Social Action that states the university should take heavy presumption against modifying its corporate activities to foster social or political views except in instances where the corporate activities of the university may seem so incompatible with paramount social values as to require careful assessment of the consequences; and

WHEREAS, we believe the situation in Sudan and the continued financial investment in companies that work with the Sudanese Government warrants this type of careful assessment; and

WHEREAS, by not divesting, the university is taking an unfortunate political stance on a very serious issue with negative human rights consequences; and

WHEREAS, the abovementioned report also states that it is always appropriate for faculty, students, and administration to question whether the university is playing its proper role; and

WHEREAS, a petition has been circulated that contains the signatures of 1071 students and 119 faculty members; and

WHEREAS, students have a right to be assured that no part of their tuition money is being used to partially fund a genocidal campaign; and

WHEREAS, despite numerous attempts by religious, community, academic, and political leaders to facilitate a discussion regarding a targeted divestment strategy, such efforts have been in vain; and

WHEREAS, targeted divestment strategies have been proven to be effective as the Sudanese Government relies heavily on foreign investment to support its genocidal campaign; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled on this twelfth day of March, 2008, do hereby denounce the University of Chicago and its Board of Trustees for their refusal to meet with local leaders and divest its money away from the companies that conduct business with the Sudanese Government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the University of Chicago's chapter of Students Taking Action Now Darfur (STAND).

Raymond 3rd	Robert W. July - 2nd
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John J. Leahy 45th	Pat Mc 22nd
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Edward L. Burke 4	Helen Shuler 46
John A. 29th	Don Prezwinski
Carrie M. Austin 34th	Ed H. Spang 28th
Andi Jantz 7th	Hani Solis 25th
Bradley 42nd	Murray 23
Leslie N. Houston 5th	Walter 27th
Mara Anne 24th	John Jones 18th
Mont Lewis 39	John 43rd
John 38	Allen 20
Erna Miller 37	Mary Ann 48
Ken 47	Paul 50
John 13	John 15
John Simpson 16th	John 44
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