

Sample Resolution on Divestment From Sudan

The following closely mirrors resolutions in support of UC divestment passed by other organizations. Simply fill in the blanks to tailor it to your specific organization then bring it to vote. If it has passed, please email an official copy to: ucsudandt@gmail.com and a mail a copy to Chairman Parsky :

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WHEREAS, the government of Sudan has engaged in a policy of genocide against its own black African population in Darfur through use of its military and through sponsorship of attacks by armed Islamic militias known as the *janjaweed*; and

WHEREAS, the *janjaweed* and military of the Sudanese government are responsible for bombing villages and hospitals, gang-raping civilians,¹ summarily executing throngs of black Darfurians, using forced starvation as a weapon of war, and impeding access of humanitarian aid to the 50% of Darfurians that are now reliant on assistance²; and

WHEREAS, the Sudanese government is responsible for the death of 400,000 Darfurians and displacement of 2.5 million more³; and

WHEREAS, in September 2004, U.S. Secretary of State, Colin Powell, declared before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, that the Sudanese government and the Sudanese government-sponsored *janjaweed* have committed genocide⁴; and

WHEREAS, both the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate have declared, by unanimous votes, that the Sudanese regime of dictator Omar al-Bashir is committing genocide⁵; and

WHEREAS, international companies, by conducting business operations in Sudan, bring direct foreign investment dollars to Khartoum and provide both moral and political cover to the Sudanese regime; and

WHEREAS Khartoum has funneled the vast majority of direct foreign investment into military expenditures used to perpetuate the genocide while neglecting needed development projects in the Darfur region^{6 7}; and

WHEREAS the government of Sudan has a history of remedying egregious behavior in response to economic pressure⁸; and

WHEREAS, the policy and practice of genocide is abhorrent to the moral and political values of the members of the UCLA Graduate Student Association, the University of

California community, the people of the United States, and, indeed, democratic and free societies everywhere;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that UCLA Graduate Students Association calls upon the UC Regents to examine the UC's retirement investment funds, endowment funds, and short-term investment pool for UC funds that are being invested in any company operating in the Republic of Sudan;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if it is found that UC funds are being invested in any company operating in the Republic of Sudan, the UC Regents should divest all stocks, securities, or other obligations from those companies. Moreover, the UC Regents must declare that it, or its investment managers, will not make further investments in companies operating in Sudan until the Sudanese government stops its military and militia forces from committing genocide.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that UCLA Graduate Students Association declares its support for the divestment proposal authored by the UC Sudan Divestment Taskforce to be presented to the UC Board of Regents for its November 2005 meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that UCLA Graduate Students Association members will make efforts to obtain signatures of support for the UC Sudan Divestment Taskforce proposal from as many UC students, faculty, staff, and affiliates as possible through use of an online petition at:

<http://www.ucdivestsudan.com>

Footnotes:

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