Dear Member of the House of Representatives,

We, the undersigned organizations, urge you to cosponsor and vote in favor of the H.J.Res.96 and H.J.Res.97, introduced by Congressman Meeks and Congresswoman Jacobs; Ranking Members of House Foreign Affairs and the Africa sub-Committee respectively. We specifically support the resolutions' stated goal of blocking several major arms sales to the government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in light of extensive evidence of UAE support to the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) killing of civilians in Sudan.

Independent investigations by human rights organizations, journalists, and a UN panel have concluded that the United Arab Emirates has provided weapons and other support to the RSF. In January 2025, members of Congress confirmed that the UAE is providing weapons to the RSF despite a pledge to the US government that it would not do so. Then Secretary-designate Rubio subsequently noted that the UAE is "openly supporting" the RSF. Much of that support violates the United Nations Security Council's Darfur arms embargo in place since 2005. Investigations by leading human rights organizations have additionally concluded that the RSF has engaged in widespread war crimes and other atrocities, including extensive sexual violence. A bipartisan resolution passed last year condemned RSF atrocities.

Civilians in Sudan have endured unimaginable suffering in a war marked by extensive abuses, which have been fueled by flows of weapons into the country. The conduct of the warring parties has also led to a dire humanitarian crisis, with two thirds of Sudan's population in <u>need</u> of humanitarian assistance and multiple regions <u>suffering</u> from acute food insecurity or famine. Nearly 13 million people have been <u>forced</u> to leave their homes in Sudan, including 4 million to other countries.

The State Department pushed through these proposed sales, cumulatively worth \$1.6 billion, despite a hold from the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

The United States should use its leverage to stem the flow of arms to the devastating conflict in Sudan. We endorse these resolutions and urge all Members of Congress to cosponsor and vote in favor of their passage.

For more information or to co-sponsor please email Francesca Eremeeva at Francesca. Eremeeva@mail.house.gov.

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Alliance for Peacebuilding
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Church of the Brethren, Office of Peacebuilding and Policy

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Peace Catalyst International

Pittsburgh Anti-War Committee

Pittsburgh Darfur Emergency Coalition

Presbyterian Church (USA), Office of Public Witness

Refugees International

Sudan Human Rights Network (SHRN)

Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa (SIHA)

Sudan Transparency and Policy Tracker

Sudan Unlimited

The Sentry

The Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

The Tahrir Institute for Middle East Policy (TIMEP)

The United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society

United Church of Christ

Win Without War

Women for Weapons Trade Transparency

Women's International Peace Centre