

**2005-2006
ASUCSD Resolution # 15
January 18, 2006**

Submitted By: Christopher Sweeten, President

Subject: Resolution Supporting University of California Divestment from Sudan

The A.S. Council approved the Resolution Supporting University of California Divestment from Sudan. Document Attached.

Approved: Consensus
Against: _____
Abstain: _____

Council Approval;
Certified by:

Chair of the Council

Date for Chair of the Council

Presidential Approval

Date for the President

Resolution on Divestment from Sudan

WHEREAS, the government of Sudan has engaged in a policy of genocide against its own 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 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

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 students of UCSD, the University of California community, the people of the United States, and, indeed, democratic and free societies everywhere.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the Associated Students of the University of California, San Diego (ASUCSD) 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 the ASUCSD declares its support for the divestment proposal authored by the UC Sudan Divestment Taskforce to be voted on at the UC Board of Regents January 19, 2006 meeting at UCSD.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED; that the ASUCSD Council encourages the UCSD community to educate themselves and sign in support of the UC Sudan Divestment Taskforce proposal at <http://www.ucdivestsudan.com>

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