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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on the urgent need to appoint a Special Envoy for Sudan to address the ongoing conflict and humanitarian crisis and to advance United States national security interests.

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. McCAUL, Ms. JACOBS, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. OLSZEWSKI, Mr. JAMES, and Mr. McCORMICK) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on the urgent need to appoint a Special Envoy for Sudan to address the ongoing conflict and humanitarian crisis and to advance United States national security interests.

Whereas, since April 2023, Sudan has been gripped by a catastrophic conflict between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), headed by Abdel Fattah al-Burhan and Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo (also known as “Hemedti”), resulting in the world’s largest humanitarian and displacement crisis;

Whereas the conflict has led to the deaths of tens of thousands of civilians, mass atrocities, including acts of geno-

cide and the deliberate targeting of ethnic communities, and the destruction of essential civilian infrastructure;

Whereas almost 13,000,000 people have been displaced from their homes by the war, and more than 30 million people—over half of Sudan’s population—are in need of humanitarian assistance;

Whereas access for humanitarian organizations remains severely restricted, including by bureaucratic impediments erected by the warring parties, compounding the suffering and preventing delivery of life-saving aid to vulnerable populations;

Whereas the conflict’s spillover effects threaten to destabilize neighboring countries, including South Sudan, Chad, the Central African Republic, and Ethiopia, all of which face internal challenges of their own;

Whereas external actors have provided arms, material, and financial support to the RSF and SAF, exacerbating and prolonging the conflict further;

Whereas the power vacuum and deteriorating security environment have created opportunities for extremist groups and criminal networks to expand their operations, posing a risk to international and United States national security;

Whereas the United States has a long-standing interest in Sudan’s stability and has historically played a critical role in peace negotiations and efforts to promote democratic governance in the region;

Whereas a dedicated and empowered Special Envoy for Sudan enhances the ability of the United States to engage in sustained, high-level diplomacy to mediate an end

to the conflict, support humanitarian access, and help coordinate international efforts; and

Whereas appointing a United States Special Envoy for Sudan would signal American leadership, facilitate diplomatic engagement with regional and multilateral stakeholders and support a pathway toward sustainable peace: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) urges the President to immediately appoint
3 a Special Envoy for Sudan to lead, in coordination
4 with the Special Envoy to the Middle East, United
5 States diplomatic efforts and utilize all other exist-
6 ing and authorized diplomatic and statutory tools
7 aimed at ending the conflict, securing humanitarian
8 access, and advancing accountability and stability in
9 Sudan, as required by law (22 U.S.C. 10001 note);

10 (2) calls upon the Department of State to ele-
11 vate Sudan as a strategic priority for strategic en-
12 gagement in peacebuilding and stabilization efforts,
13 and to provide appropriate resources for those ef-
14 forts;

15 (3) affirms the need for robust humanitarian
16 assistance to the areas of greatest need in Sudan;

17 (4) encourages the administration to continue
18 to work closely with African leaders, African-led me-
19 diation efforts, and to support regional peace proc-
20 esses and international accountability mechanisms

1 for war crimes, crimes against humanity, ethnic
2 cleansing, and genocide, including those committed
3 by the leadership and members of the SAF and RSF
4 and allied militias; and

5 (5) affirms that the resolution of the conflict in
6 Sudan is essential to promoting peace, protecting
7 human rights, and advancing United States national
8 security interests in Sudan and in the region.

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