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SUBJECT: SEEKING AFRICAN CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE DARFUR RESOLUTION

REF: USUN 1660

1. This is an action request -- see paragraph 3.
2. We expect to have a draft UN Security Council Resolution tabled on August 30 for a Security Council vote on August 31. The draft will incorporate most of the elements reported in REFTTEL with some additional changes that have been agreed to with the UK and that will be reported SEPTTEL. We are confident there are sufficient votes within the Council to secure adoption of the resolution. While we are prepared to accept a non-unanimous vote including the possibility of China and/or Russia abstaining, we would prefer having a unanimous decision. Department believes that having the

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African members of the Security Council co-sponsor the resolution would have a significant impact on whether or not China and Russia abstain and whether Qatar votes against the resolution.

3. Posts are requested to urgently demarche host countries at the highest available level to seek commitments to co-sponsor the resolution. Posts may draw upon the following points:

-- As was highlighted in the August 28 Security Council consultations on Darfur, there is dramatic need for Security Council action in response to the rapidly deteriorating security situation in Darfur and its devastating effects on the humanitarian situation.

-- We, as the Security Council members, cannot let the violence and atrocities continue, allow civilians, humanitarian aid workers, and peacekeepers to be attacked, or permit the DPA to fail.

-- After several weeks of careful deliberations on a draft Darfur resolution, the U.S. and UK intend to table a resolution August 30 with the intention of a vote on August 31.

-- Assistant Secretary Frazer traveled this week to Khartoum to emphasize the importance of the mission and to consult with the Government of Sudan. We will continue to consult with the Government of Sudan going forward.

-- The Resolution is a good one. It sets the foundation for the type of effective, multi-dimensional international force needed to bring hope to Darfur. The present Resolution also goes a long way in meeting Khartoum's most urgent concerns.

-- We believe there are sufficient votes within the Council to ensure adoption of the Resolution on August 31. We do not expect a veto.

-- While we are prepared to pass the Resolution without unanimity, we would prefer to have China and Russia join in approving the Resolution. To that end, we believe strong African support for the Resolution would have a great effect in gaining a unanimous vote.

-- We call on your government to join us as co-sponsors of the Resolution and join us in calling for the Resolution to be adopted by August 31.

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-- Following the adoption of this Resolution, we expect to continue our close cooperation with you as well as leading African troop contributing countries to ensure that the AMIS rehatting takes place as rapidly and smoothly as possible and that the follow-on UN force be truly effective and retains a substantial African element at its core.

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