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RESOLUTION ON THE DARFUR GENOCIDE

Whereas, Over the past three years between 180,000 and 400,000 civilians have been killed in the Darfur region of Sudan, 2,000,000 people have been displaced, 2,000 villages have been burned and their wells poisoned, and women of all ages have been raped by government-supported Janjaweed militias; and

Whereas, This first genocide of the 21st century could be slowed, if not ended, by an aware and aroused public in the United States and elsewhere; and

Whereas, The media, including library publications and websites have not sufficiently raised awareness and knowledge of this issue; and

Whereas, It is the mission of American libraries to contribute actively to informing and educating citizens on public issues; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the American Library Association Council urges all the relevant ALA units and the profession-at-large to highlight and explain the Darfur Genocide through collections, programs, displays, resource guides, and other suitable means; and, be it further

Resolved, That the American Library Association calls upon publishers to actively seek and publish materials at both lay and scholarly levels to add to public understanding of Darfur and other genocidal conflicts.

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