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Given the widespread reports and documentary evidence of human rights abuses in the Sudan, including forced religious indoctrination, religious persecution, ethnic cleansing, the bombing of civilians, attacks against non-combatants, slavery, and the denial of humanitarian assistance to selected population groups such as the Nuba, all of which amount to genocide by definition, AND



Given that Canadian oil companies such as Talisman Energy Inc., through their commercial partnership with the Sudanese government, are providing direct and indirect support to the Sudanese government, which could contribute to that regime's capacity to wage war and human rights abuses against its own people;

We call upon the Canadian Government to

1. Investigate and report on the role of Canadian oil companies in the Sudanese conflict, and all innocent civilians in conflict zones as a result of the Sudanese government's actions, and the humanitarian crisis in the Sudan, including the opposition controlled areas of the Nuba Mountains is ensured for the UN and other international relief efforts.

**The following two documents were submitted by Susanne Tamas on her own behalf and not as part of any organization. These suggestions are not formal recommendations but rather were intended to stimulate discussion amongst the participants at the roundtable.**

1. Commission an independent investigation into the role of Canadian oil companies vis a vis the extent of its impact in aiding the Sudanese government's ability to prosecute the civil war and commit human rights abuses against its own people.
2. Enact legislation and policies which will ensure that Canadian commercial activities are not contributing, either directly or indirectly, to acts of genocide.
3. Call for the placement of human rights monitors in all areas of civil conflict.
4. Call for the broadening of the IGAD peace process to include all parties to the Sudanese conflict and members from civil society, including academics, women's groups, trade union representatives, and church leaders.
5. Provide support for track 2 conflict resolution initiatives (such as the recent Nuba-Dinka Reconciliation conference sponsored by the New Sudan Council of Churches).