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THE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY
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The following is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Executive Council at its meeting from June 15 – 17, 2011 in Linthicum Heights, Maryland, at which a quorum was present and voting.

RESOLVED, That the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church, meeting in Linthicum Heights, Maryland, from June 16-17, 2011, deplors the recent military actions of the Government of Sudan against the people of Abyei and the Nuba Mountains, which have resulted in the death and displacement of thousands of people, the burning of the cathedral in the Episcopal Diocese of Kadugli and the Nuba Mountains, the attack and killing of church members, and the wholesale destruction of church property.

RESOLVED, That The Episcopal Church urges the government of the United States to take the following steps, along with any others at its disposal:

- Maintain sanctions against the Government of Sudan in light of its egregious violations of human rights, total disregard for the provisions of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement negotiated in 2005 as a framework for peace in Sudan, and ongoing brutal military actions against innocent civilians;
- Diplomatically demand the cessation of all hostilities, the withdrawal of armed forces from Abyei and the Nuba Mountains, and a full-scale investigation and full prosecution of those responsible for these egregious human rights violations and other atrocities;
- Diplomatically urge a full explanation from the Government of Egypt of its alleged complicity in the commission of these atrocities as members of the peacekeeping mission of the United Nations;
- Work to secure the endorsement of other nations that are guarantors of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement for strong action by the United Nations to hold the Government of Sudan accountable for its total disregard of its treaty obligations and its military actions that contravene the provisions of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement;
- Request that the United Nations reexamine the mandate for its Mission in Sudan with consideration for expanding the mandate to authorize action that would protect civilians from military incursions by the Sudanese army and proxy militias;
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- Commit financial resources, and work with global partners to ensure complementary commitments, for a level of humanitarian aid commensurate to the devastation and destruction that has occurred in these regions;
- Assess, through the Department of Defense, the feasibility of logistical, communications, transportation and other non-lethal support for a peacekeeping operation in Sudan whose mandate would be to prevent a resumption of fighting and hostilities in all disputed areas of Sudan; and
- Examine, through the Department of Justice, the steps that the U.S. government might pursue, either independently or through international tribunals, to bring the perpetrators of these criminal actions to justice.

RESOLVED, That the Executive Council expresses its solidarity with the Episcopal Church of Sudan and its pastors and priests and in the church's call for peace in Sudan, its leadership and care for the people of Sudan, and its suffering as it has been targeted for violence and abuse.

RESOLVED, That the Executive Council commends the Presiding Bishop for her call last year for a season of Advocacy and Prayer for the Sudan and urges all Episcopalians to continue in prayer and advocacy for the people of Sudan, especially those in these war torn regions.

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