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Dear Erica Barks-Ruggles, Tom Donilon, Jim Steinberg, Stuart Levey, and Michèle Flournoy,

When the National Security Council Deputies Committee meets this week to review progress of the Obama Administration's Sudan policy, you may hear that the war in Darfur is over, that new agreements with Khartoum are moving peace forward, and that upcoming national elections are reason enough for hope. But wishful thinking does not alter the reality on the ground.

The conflict in Darfur cannot be over while women in camps face an ongoing threat of rape. New agreements mean little if Sudan's citizens are still without basic freedoms and levels of violence are rising in the South. And there is no reason to put faith in an election that will likely be stolen from the people.

A failure to secure peace in Sudan could lead to one of the deadliest wars in African history. We urge you to act now in leading multilateral efforts aimed at holding those who promote violence in Sudan accountable. We also urge you to immediately deploy full-time U.S. diplomatic teams to the region in order to accelerate peace efforts.

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