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800+ STUDENTS MARCH ON CAPITOL HILL AND MAKE HISTORY

Activists participate in largest lobby day and protest in genocide prevention history, using innovative video advocacy tools

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, hundreds of activists will converge on Capitol Hill for the largest lobby day to prevent genocide in history. The lobby day and protest/rally caps off the last day of the Pledge2Protect conference. Convened by STAND, the student-led division of Genocide Intervention Network, and core partners the Save Darfur Coalition and Enough Project, the conference attended by close to 1000 activists featured training and education on the situations in Sudan, Burma and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

WHAT: **Anti-genocide lobby day and rally (over 80 Senate meetings scheduled)**

WHEN: Monday, Nov. 9, 2009

WHERE: Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill en route to the Capitol

WHO: **STAND, student-led division of Genocide Intervention Network**

PRESS: **Activists from across converge on Washington, D.C. Key events below:**

Lobby Day + RALLY/PROTEST: Monday, Nov. 9, 9:45 A.M. EST (Activists will leave from the Hyatt Regency at 9:00 AM and march to the Hart Office Building arriving by 9:45 AM). These events will occur before activists proceed to lobby meetings on Capitol Hill. Activists available for comment and interviews.

Scott Gration, Special Envoy to Sudan, LIVE Q&A Session from White House: Tuesday, Nov. 10 @ 3:00 P.M. EST co-moderated by Layla Amjadi, STAND Director, and Jerry Fowler, President, Save Darfur Coalition. Also to include, Samantha Power, National Security Council's Senior Director for Multilateral Affairs. Live streaming video will be available.

http://blogs.state.gov/index.php/entries/engaging_on_sudan_strategy/

Note: B-roll footage/photography from the conference/events will be **available on Sunday, Nov. 8** for media packages. Also activists have created their own custom lobby videos that they will take with

them to lobby meetings. These videos were created in partnership with the video advocacy organization WITNESS and can be made available.

Extended Press Release: <http://files.darfurgenocide.net/press/pressrelease.pdf>

View Personalized Videos for Senators: <http://hub.witness.org/STAND-STUDENT-VIDEOS>

Genocide Intervention Network -- Genocide Intervention Network is working to build the first permanent anti-genocide constituency, mobilizing the political will to stop genocide when it occurs. Accessible online at www.GenocideIntervention.net, Genocide Intervention Network empowers individuals with the tools to stop genocide.

The Save Darfur Coalition -- An alliance of more than 180 faith-based, advocacy and human rights organizations - raises public awareness about the ongoing genocide in Darfur and mobilizes a unified response to the atrocities that threaten the lives of people throughout the Darfur region. The coalition's member organizations represent 130 million people of all ages, races, religions and political affiliations united together to help the people of Darfur. For more information on the coalition, please visit www.SaveDarfur.org.

Enough Project -- Enough is a project of the Center for American Progress to end genocide and crimes against humanity. Founded in 2007, Enough focuses on crises in Sudan, Chad, eastern Congo, northern Uganda, Somalia, and Zimbabwe. Enough's strategy papers and briefings provide sharp field analysis and targeted policy recommendations based on a "3P" crisis response strategy: promoting durable peace, providing civilian protection, and punishing perpetrators of atrocities. Enough works with concerned citizens, advocates, and policy makers to prevent, mitigate, and resolve these crises. Visit www.enoughproject.org.