

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To establish a Special Envoy for Sudan, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. WARNER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To establish a Special Envoy for Sudan, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Response to Conflict
5 in Sudan Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that the Department of
8 State should lead a robust and coordinated interagency
9 response to the ongoing and worsening conflict in Sudan,
10 including through diplomatic engagement with inter-
11 national partners and organizations, by effectively facili-

1 tating the safe and swift delivery of humanitarian assist-
2 ance, and coordinating efforts for a future path to national
3 recovery and democratic transition in Sudan.

4 **SEC. 3. SPECIAL ENVOY FOR SUDAN AT THE DEPARTMENT**
5 **OF STATE.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There shall be a Special
7 Envoy for Sudan at the Department of State (in this sec-
8 tion referred to as the “Special Envoy”). The Special
9 Envoy shall report directly to the Secretary of State and
10 should not hold another position in the Department while
11 holding the position of Special Envoy.

12 (b) DUTIES.—The Special Envoy shall—

13 (1) lead United States diplomatic efforts to
14 support and direct negotiations and humanitarian
15 response efforts related to alleviating the crisis in
16 Sudan;

17 (2) be responsible for coordinating policy devel-
18 opment and execution related to ending the conflict
19 and to a future path to national recovery and demo-
20 cratic transition in Sudan across all bureaus in the
21 Department and coordinating with interagency part-
22 ners; and

23 (3) consult regularly with the appropriate con-
24 gressional committees, and keep such committees

1 fully and currently informed on the status of diplo-
2 matic efforts and negotiations.

3 (c) STAFFING.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall ensure
5 that the Special Envoy is fully staffed with per-
6 sonnel approved by the Envoy, including through re-
7 assignment of positions responsible for issues related
8 to Sudan that currently exist within the Depart-
9 ment, encouraging details, or assignment of employ-
10 ees of the Department from regional and functional
11 bureaus with expertise relevant to Sudan, or through
12 request for interagency details of individuals with
13 relevant experience from other United States Gov-
14 ernment departments or agencies, including the De-
15 partment of Treasury.

16 (2) BRIEFING REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than
17 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
18 the Department should brief the appropriate con-
19 gressional committees on the number of full-time
20 equivalent positions supporting the Special Envoy,
21 and the relevant expertise and duties of any employ-
22 ees of the Department or detailees.

23 (d) SUNSET.—The position of the Special Envoy for
24 Sudan shall terminate on the date that is 5 years after
25 the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 (e) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—

2 In this section, the term “appropriate congressional com-

3 mittees” means—

4 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
5 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

6 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
7 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives.