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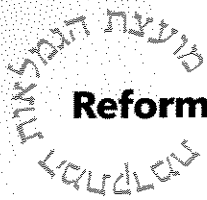
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I am pleased to announce that the Reform Pension Board passed a resolution directing its investment managers to divest the RPB portfolio from companies identified by the Sudan Divestment Task Force. The resolution was developed by the Reform Pension Board's Socially Responsible Investment Committee, chaired by Rabbi Stacy K. Offner. The Reform Pension Board is proud to support the efforts of the worldwide movement to stop the genocide in Darfur.

The resolution, which was passed on March 22, 2007, appears below. If you have any questions, please contact me at 212.681.1818, extension 230, or by email at rmkoppel@rpb.org.

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WHEREAS Judaism teaches that all human beings are created *b'tzelem elohim*, in the image of God, and the Torah commands that we “not stand idly by while our neighbor bleeds” (LV 19:6); and

WHEREAS the Jewish people are intimately acquainted with the horrors of genocide; and

WHEREAS current events in the Darfur region of Sudan meet the United Nations definition of genocide; and

WHEREAS the United States Senate and the House of Representatives and the President of the United States have found that the Government of Sudan bears responsibility for massive atrocities in the Darfur region of Sudan, which they declare have reached the level of genocide; and

WHEREAS the CCAR and the URJ have both passed resolutions calling upon the United States and the United Nations to impose sanctions on the Sudanese government as a means of putting pressure on Sudan to put an end to the genocide;

WHEREAS the Sudan Divestment Task Force identifies companies that “provide revenue (or arms) to the government, impart minimal benefit to the country’s underprivileged, and have expressed no significant corporate governing policy regarding the current situation in Darfur;”

BE IT RESOLVED that until such time as the Sudanese government stops its policy of genocide, the Reform Pension Board directs its investment managers to divest any and all investments in companies identified by the Sudan Divestment Task Force as soon as possible, not to exceed three months.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Reform Pension Board endeavor to influence the managers of our commingled portfolios not to invest in companies identified by the Sudan Divestment Task Force.

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