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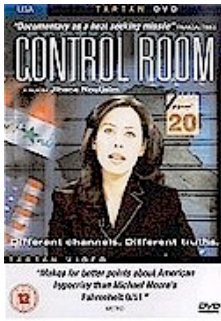
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Three Sudan resolutions to be discussed by SC

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The U.S. circulated three Sudan resolutions Tuesday in the hope of breaking a Security Council (SC) deadlock on the issue and move to impose sanctions and deploy peacekeepers in the region.

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It's hoped that by breaking up the single resolution it has been pushing since mid-February, Washington would set aside the divisive issue of punishing alleged perpetrators of crimes in the Darfur region.

The council has increasingly come under strong international pressure to act quickly especially over the issue of Darfur, where a two-year conflict has escalated and where a U.N. commission has said crimes against humanity have occurred.

But the 15 council members are divided over the issue of sanctions against the Sudanese government and how to prosecute those accused of atrocities.

Acting U.S. Ambassador Anne Patterson said the United States decided to break up the single resolution to get council action on "the two critical issues that we have to resolve that we think there's broad agreement on ... peacekeeping and sanctions."

Nine of the 15 council members want prosecutions to be held under the auspices of the International Criminal Court (ICC) which was the recommendation of a UN Commission of Inquiry that said crimes against humanity, but not genocide, probably occurred in Darfur.

But the U.S. opposes the world's first permanent war crimes tribunal and prefers trials to be held at a new tribunal in Arusha, Tanzania.

The latest proposals will be discussed by the council on Wednesday.

"We must get those peacekeepers in there and we must get some kind of sanctions regime in place," Patterson said. Adding that the United States was pushing for a vote on those two resolutions by Thursday.

Meanwhile Brazil's ambassador to the UN Ronaldo Mota Sardenberg, who supports the latest proposal, said the council has "to start taking action, even if it is a modest action" to maintain its credibility.

The resolution initially called for the deployment of a 10,000-strong U.N. peacekeeping force to help monitor the January peace accord.

But with the number of dead in Darfur now estimated at 180,000 and the conflict forcing more than 2 million people to flee their homes, the U.S. and other members insisted that the deteriorating situation there must also be addressed.

Patterson said the peacekeeping resolution, which council members are largely in agreement with, also

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The Security Council will discuss three separate Sudan resolutions from the U.S.