



The American Committee on Africa

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ACT NOW TO SAVE AFRICA SUB-COMMITTEE

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An early item on the agenda of the new Republican leadership in December is Congressional downsizing. That means eliminating House Committees and the Africa Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee is being seen as an easy target. Washington sources report that the current plan is to merge the Africa, Asia and Pacific Subcommittees, under Representative Dan Burton (R-IN) as chair.

Two years ago concerned Americans, led by the Congressional Black Caucus beat back a similar effort initiated by the Democratic leadership. We can be sure that only energetic advocacy will counter what are certain to be constant efforts to downgrade attention focused on Africa. A separate Subcommittee on Africa is vital to ensure that Congress remains seriously engaged with the issues confronting Africa and U.S. - Africa policy.

Your phone calls and faxes are needed now to prevent the merger. Get your messages in by December 6. The Foreign Affairs Committee plan a decision on December 7th.

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BE SURE YOUR MESSAGES GO BEFORE WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER.