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### **Congressman Payne Reacts to New Sudan Policy**

Washington, D.C. — The people of Sudan have suffered for far too long. Our primary objective must be to end the suffering in Sudan. The new Sudan policy aims to bring a just and lasting peace in Sudan. I strongly support a policy that is comprehensive, forward looking, and result oriented. While a policy of engagement is an important tool to achieve these objectives, I strongly believe that engagement without credible pressure will not work.

The new Sudan policy links engagement with verifiable progress and not promises. I am confident that if the strategic objectives outlined in the new policy are implemented, a New Sudan that is just, democratic, and peaceful will emerge. That was the vision of the late John Garang. The Sudan policy rightly recognizes the possible outcome of a two-state scenario after the 2011 referendum. I support this visionary approach in the new policy. We must be prepared for that outcome now and do what we can to help prepare for the existence of two countries in peace.

Another important element in the new policy is that cooperation on counter terrorism will not lead to improved relations until all the conditions outlined in the policy are met. I strongly endorse the new policy's emphasis on accountability and justice. Without justice there can be no lasting peace