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() Oscar-winning film director Steven Spielberg withdrew Tuesday as an artistic adviser to the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing over Chinas policy on the conflict in Sudans Darfur region. (...)

(...) Earlier Tuesday, nine Nobel Peace Prize laureates - including Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Elie Wiesel and Jody Williams - sent a letter to Hu urging China to uphold Olympic ideals by pressing Sudan to stop atrocities in Darfur.

"As the primary economic, military and political partner of the Government of Sudan, and as a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, China has both the opportunity and the responsibility to contribute to a just peace in Darfur," said the letter.

"Ongoing failure to rise to this responsibility amounts, in our view, to support for a government that continues to carry out atrocities against its own people," said the letter, released on a day of events by the Save Darfur Coalition.

The letter was also signed by U.S. politicians, Olympic medalists and entertainers and delivered to Chinese embassies and missions as part of events in the United States and Europe staged to mark six months before the Aug. 8-24 Olympics. (...)

Full text:

<http://chinaaid.org/2008/02/13/spielberg-quits-as-adviser-to-olympics-over-darfur/>

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