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Subject: Question for Tomorrow's Hearing

Hi Sophie –

I hope all is well. I saw the Africa subcommittee is holding a hearing tomorrow on the effects of climate change in Africa, and I wanted to send over a hearing question for your consideration.

You may recall from our conversation last month that we discussed a major solar energy development breaking ground in Angola, which includes the single largest solar project in Sub-Saharan Africa. Secretary of State Blinken mentioned the project in a speech last week, and we believe the project fits into the scope of tomorrow's hearing well as a great example of how public and private resources can work together to tackle challenging problems.

A proposed question about the project is below my signature for your consideration. The text of Secretary Blinken's speech is [here](#) and a press release from the Angolan Embassy is [here](#).

Please let me know if you have any questions. Also, please note that Squire Patton Boggs and I both work on behalf of the Angolan Government and are registered under FARA.

Many thanks,
Rory

Proposed Question

Secretary of State Antony Blinken gave a speech in April where he outlined his plans to leverage US foreign policy to advance US interests related to climate change. As part of this effort, he discussed the need to draw on the strengths of the US public and private sectors, noting that a US company (Sun Africa) recently broke ground in Angola on what will be the largest solar facility in Sub-Saharan Africa. The project will use around \$150 million in US-made solar equipment and is a good example of how smart US policy can be good for the climate, good for US jobs, and good for countries like Angola.

As the world takes on the challenge posed by climate change, what more can the United States do to support critical projects in Sub-Saharan Africa?