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CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING GENOCIDE AND MASS ATROCITY PREVENTION AT THE MULTILATERAL LEVEL

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The United Nations

- Office of the Special Advisers
 - Adama Dieng, Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide
 - Jennifer Welsh, Special Adviser on the Responsibility to Protect

www.un.org/en/preventgenocide/adviser/engagement_partners.shtml#ngo

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Civil society

- [Amnesty International](#)
Amnesty International is a global movement of 2.8 million supporters, members and activists in more than 150 countries and territories who campaign to end grave abuses of human rights.
- [Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect](#)
The Centre's mission is to advance the Responsibility to Protect principle within the Asia-Pacific Region and worldwide, and support the building of capacity to protect populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity.
- [Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation](#)
The Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation works to prevent genocide by building a worldwide community of policymakers with the tools and the commitment to respond to conflict before it turns into genocide.
- [Genocide Watch](#)
Genocide Watch exists to predict, prevent, stop, and punish genocide and other forms of mass murder. They seek to raise awareness and influence public policy concerning potential and actual genocide. Their purpose is to build an international movement to prevent and stop genocide.
- [Global Action to Prevent War](#)
Global Action to Prevent War is a programme for government and grassroots efforts to stop war, genocide and other forms of deadly conflict. It aims to bring together many of the specific arms control and conflict resolution initiatives nationally and internationally in order to develop cooperation between the different efforts and to address possible gaps.
- [Global Center for the R2P](#)
The Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect was created to catalyze action to move the 2005 World Summit agreement on the responsibility to protect populations from genocide, ethnic cleansing, war crimes and crimes against humanity from principle into practice.
- [Human Rights Watch](#)
Human Rights Watch is one of the world's leading independent organizations dedicated to defending and protecting human rights.
- [ICC Coalition](#)
The Coalition for the International Criminal Court is the largest partnership in the world advancing the cause of international justice. Including more than 2,500 civil society organizations from 150 countries, the Coalition is leading the global fight to end genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity through a commitment to the core values of human rights and justice.
- [International Association of Genocide Scholars \(IAGS\)](#)
The IAGS (International Association of Genocide Scholars) is a global, non-partisan organization that aims to generate interdisciplinary research, policy development, case studies and teaching related to massive human rights violations and the prevention and punishment of genocide.
- [International Center for Transitional Justice](#)
The International Center for Transitional Justice works to redress and prevent the most severe violations of human rights by confronting legacies of mass abuse. ICTJ seeks holistic solutions to promote accountability and create just and peaceful societies.
- [International Coalition on RtoP](#)
The International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect (RtoP) works to: strengthen normative consensus for RtoP at the international, regional, sub-regional and national levels; push for governments, regional and sub-regional organizations and the UN to strengthen capacities to prevent and halt genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity; further the understanding of RtoP among governments, NGOs, and the public; help build and fortify a like-minded group of governments in support of RtoP; mobilize NGOs to push for action to save lives in RtoP country-specific situations.
- [International Crisis Group](#)
The International Crisis Group is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organization committed to preventing and resolving deadly conflict.
- [Minority Rights Group International](#)
Minority Rights Group International is the leading international human rights organisation working to secure rights for ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities and indigenous people around the world.
- [Stanley Foundation](#)
The Stanley Foundation promotes public understanding, constructive dialogue and cooperative action on critical international issues. They work to promote strategic policy approaches to pre-crisis atrocity prevention and greater international coordination in preventing and responding to the risk of atrocity crimes.

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The United Nations (continued)

- Annual report of the Secretary-General on the responsibility to protect
 - 2014 report—”Fulfilling our collective responsibility: international assistance and the responsibility to protect”
 - Civil society input and feedback



General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session
Items 14 and 118

Security Council
Sixty-ninth year

Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit

Fulfilling our collective responsibility: international assistance and the responsibility to protect

Report of the Secretary-General

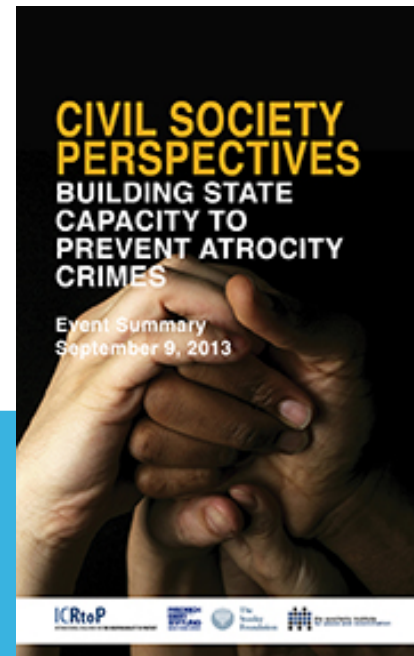
Summary

The present report outlines the ways in which national, regional and international actors can assist States in fulfilling their responsibility to protect populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity. It responds to the decision by the General Assembly in its resolution [63/308](#) to continue consideration of the responsibility to protect, in the light of its endorsement by States in paragraphs 138 to 140 of the 2005 World Summit Outcome.

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The United Nations (continued)

- Annual General Assembly informal interactive dialogues
 - Engagement of member states leading up to the dialogue
 - Direct civil society involvement



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State-led Initiatives

- Global Action Against Mass Atrocity Crimes
 - a state-led initiative to prevent mass atrocity crimes
 - focuses on prevention at the national and regional level
 - supports states engaged in preventing mass atrocity crimes and it assists states that are considering developing preventive strategies
 - serves as a platform for exchange and dissemination of learning and good practices



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State-led Initiatives (continued)

- Latin American Network on the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocity Crimes



WHY?

Civil society involvement can strengthen national, regional, and international policies and efforts

Civil society can be a part of the institutionalization and normalization of genocide and mass atrocity prevention

Civil society can aid the efforts to deepen engagement and build consensus

Civil society can help fill analytical gaps and bring better definition to policy approaches, tools, and mechanisms

Civil society can be champions for successful efforts

Civil society can provide needed accountability



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