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Announcing the latest **R2PCS** report [Global Consultative Roundtables on the Responsibility to Protect: Civil Society Perspectives and Recommendations for Action](#)

. This interim report details the conclusions of the seven civil society roundtables held last year (Feb-Aug 2008) in Thailand, Canada, Argentina, Uganda, South Africa, France, and Ghana and includes common challenges in actualizing R2P, common themes from all roundtables, and participant-suggested strategies and activities to advance R2P. We hope this report will serve as a resource for civil society groups seeking to inform and enhance their work on this important doctrine. The scope of the regional analysis in the report will be broadened in the coming months, as we begin organizing roundtables in regions not yet reached in our initial phase, such as South Asia, East Asia, Middle East and North Africa, and Eastern Europe.

II. Launch of the Global Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect

A day after the Holocaust Memorial Day, on 28 January, the WFM-Institute for Global Policy will be launching the Global Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect. The founding Steering Committee will be meeting this week to discuss principles, purposes, structure of the Coalition, as well as some objectives for the first year. Steering members include: the East African Law Society (Tanzania), the West African Civil Society Institute (Ghana); International Refugees Rights Initiative (Uganda), Initiatives for International Dialogue (Philippines), Coordinadora Regional de Investigaciones Econmicas y Sociales (CRIES) (Argentina), Human Rights Watch and Oxfam International.

We will be holding a press briefing at the UN to announce the launch of the Coalition on Wednesday January 28th at 2:00pm. For more details, contact Sapna Chhatpar Considine at Chhatpar@wfm-igp.org

We look forward to working with civil society groups in the future to shape the work of the new Coalition.