

**Responses of Asia-Pacific States to the Secretary-General's Report on RtoP** Asia-Pacific  
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On 11 September, some 69 member-states of the United Nations participated in the annual interactive dialogue on R2P held in New York, along with the European Union and two civil society organizations. This year's dialogue—the fifth since 2009—was based on the Secretary General's 2013 Responsibility to Protect Report on State Prevention and Capacity. The Report focused on the first pillar of the R2P principle, which identified a number of risk factors for mass atrocity crimes and the targeted measures that states can adopt in order to strengthen their capacity to prevent these crimes. Thirteen states from the Asia Pacific region participated in the dialogue, which included four members of ASEAN (i.e., Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand), Australia, China, India, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, and Sri Lanka. It is important to note that this is the first time since 2009 that Thailand participated in the dialogue, the second time for Indonesia, and the third time for both Malaysia and Singapore since 2009. (Singapore is the only member of ASEAN that is part of the informal Group of Friends of R2P since it was launched in 2009.) The Philippines and Myanmar participated in the first dialogue in 2009, but no member of ASEAN participated in 2010 and 2011. Vietnam participated in the dialogue in 2012, together with Singapore and Malaysia. South Korea, Pakistan, China and Australia are among only 20 states that have participated in all five debates, which is a relatively strong showing from the Asia Pacific region.

The highlights of responses to the SG Report by states from the region are presented in separate sections below, based on their formal statements read and/or articulated in the UN General Assembly<sup>1</sup>. The conclusion section presents some observations on these responses and recommendations on how to maximize the impact of the SG's Report in this part of the world.

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