

UN Secretary-General releases report Responsibility to Protect: Timely and Decisive Response

In advance of this year's United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) annual informal, interactive dialogue on the Responsibility to Protect (RtoP, R2P) on 5 September 2012, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has published his fourth report, [The](#)

[Responsibility to Protect: Timely and Decisive Response](#)

. In the report, the Secretary-General provides an overview of the tools under the [third pillar](#)

of RtoP, including mediation, preventive diplomacy, public advocacy, fact-finding missions, commissions of inquiry, monitoring and observer missions, International Criminal Court referrals, targeted sanctions, and the use of military force. The Secretary-General also discusses different actors available to implement measures as well as the need to act and protect responsibly, building on the Brazilian led-concept of “

responsibility while protecting

” proposed in a

[concept note](#)

presented before the UN Security Council on 9 November 2011.

Since 2009, UNGA

[dialogues](#)

on the Responsibility to Protect have provided Member States, regional and sub-regional organizations and civil society with the opportunity to consider recommendations for implementation of the norm and assess best practices from past crisis situations.

To prepare and inform Member States, regional and sub-regional organizations, civil society and the general public, the ICRtoP has

[published an overview of the Secretary-General's report](#)

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