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**I. President of the GA Convenes Upcoming Dialogue on Early Warning, Assessment and RtoP** *In a [letter](#) released on 29 July, the Office of the President of the General Assembly notified all Permanent Missions and Permanent Observers to the United Nations that the informal interactive dialogue of the General Assembly on Early Warning, Assessment, and the Responsibility to Protect would be convened on 9 August 2010.*

*The informal interactive dialogue will be an opportunity to advance the General Assembly's consideration of RtoP, specifically regarding the gaps and capacities of the UN's early warning and assessment for genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and ethnic cleansing. While no details have been released concerning the format of the dialogue, we expect it to feature a panel of experts, including the Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, Francis Deng and the Special Adviser on the Responsibility to Protect, Ed Luck as well as other panelists from inside and outside the UN system.*

*Click here to read the [report of the Secretary General \(A/64/864\)](#) that was released on 14 July 2010 in advance of the informal GA dialogue.*

*Click [here](#) to view our summary of the report of the Secretary General.* **II. Security Council Debate on the 'Optimizing the use of Preventive Diplomacy tools: prospects and Challenges in Africa'**

1. Member States refer to RtoP and to the Special Advisor on the Prevention of Genocide

UN Security Council

16 July 2010

*On 16 July 2010 the Security Council held an Open Debate on optimizing the use of preventative diplomacy tools: prospects and challenges in Africa. Ghana and Australia referred to the Responsibility to Protect and Nigeria and Mexico recalled the work of the Special Advisor for the Prevention of Genocide in the following statement:*

H.E. Mr. Leslie Kojo Christian, Ambassador (Ghana)

“To succeed in placing preventive diplomacy at the top of our agenda, we must also embrace a shift in thinking and new concepts such as the

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populations from genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, ethnic cleansing and the incitement of such acts. This was recognized by world leaders in their adoption of the 2005 World Summit Outcome Document (General Assembly resolution 60/1) and also finds a place as a treaty principle in article 4 of the AU Constitutive Act.”

H.E. Mr. Andrew Goledzinowski, Ambassador (Australia)

“Central to an effective system of conflict prevention is awareness of the situation, the ability to analyse that information and the political will to take action when needed. DPA plays an important role in collating and analyzing the necessary information. In extreme situations, the proposed joint office of the Special Advisers on the Prevention of Genocide and for the

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, the creation of which we support, should serve to alert the United Nations system to emerging mass atrocity situations. It then becomes a question of political will.”

H.E. Mr. Claude Heller, Ambassador (Mexico)

“An illustration of the preventive work that we need in the Organization is the work that is being done by the Secretary-

**General’s Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide**

in his efforts to reach the international community and generate early warning mechanisms to prevent the irreversible deterioration of especially delicate situations internationally and especially on the African continent.”

Mr. Ajumogobia Minister of Foreign Affairs and President of Security Council (Nigeria)

“The Council recognizes the important role of the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding

Offices in supporting national efforts to prevent conflicts and in addressing cross-border threats. The Council also recognizes the value the Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa continues to add to the process of embedding preventive diplomacy practices into the Organization's conflict management architecture. In this connection, the Council recalls the role of the Secretary-General's

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in matters relating to the prevention and resolution of conflict. The Council emphasizes the need for the full engagement of all relevant actors, including civil society, to sustain the momentum and perspective for a meaningful preventive diplomacy framework.”

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presented at the debate and the Presidential Statement which requested the Secretary-General to submit within a report making recommendation on how to use the preventive diplomacy tools within the UN system and co-operation with other actors.

### **III. Related Articles**

#### **1. Bar Entry or Arrest Bashir**

Human Rights Watch

21 July 2010

Chad should deny entry to Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir or arrest him for trial at the International Criminal Court should he visit the country, Human Rights Watch said today. It has been widely reported in the media that al-Bashir is expected to travel to the Chadian capital N'djamena this week to attend a summit of the Community of Sahel-Saharan States.

Al-Bashir is subject to two arrest warrants issued by the International Criminal Court (ICC) for atrocities committed in Darfur in Sudan. The first was issued in March 2009 on charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity. The second was issued in July 2010 on charges of genocide.

(...)The treaty of the ICC, the Rome Statute, to which Chad is a state party, requires member states to cooperate with the court, which includes execution of arrest warrants. The ICC has no police force and so depends on member states to enforce its orders. Al-Bashir's visit to Chad would be the first time the Sudanese president has entered the territory of an ICC member state since the ICC arrest warrants for him were issued.

(...) "A political deal between Chad and Sudan is no justification for shielding alleged war criminals," said Keppler. "Instead of protecting a fugitive from justice, Chad should urge Sudan to cooperate with the ICC."

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to read Amnesty International's

*Chad Must Arrest Sudanese President During Visit*

## 2. Khmer Rouge Prison Chief Duch Found Guilty

BBC News

26 July 2010

Former Khmer Rouge prison chief Duch has been found guilty of crimes against humanity by Cambodia's UN-backed war crimes tribunal.

Duch, 67, whose full name is Kaing Guek Eav, was sentenced to 35 years in prison.

He had admitted overseeing the torture and execution of thousands of men, women and children at the notorious Tuol Sleng prison, and asked for forgiveness. (...)

Duch ran Tuol Sleng prison, where "enemies" of the Khmer Rouge regime were sent.

Up to two million people died because of the policies of the Khmer Rouge, which ruled Cambodia from 1975-1979.

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to read “Duch Verdict On 26/7/2010 Only Delivers Partial Justice” by Pou Sovachana, Professor, Paññāsāstra University of Cambodia

#### **IV. Related Events**

##### **Asia-Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect Seminar Series (Semester II)**

5 August – 27 October 2010

University of Queensland, Australia

The Asia-Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect Seminar Series for Semester II, 2010 begins in August. Speakers this semester include Prof. Charles Sampford (Director, IEGL, The Institute for Ethics, Governance and Law) and Dr. John Williams (Durham University, UK). The series begins on Thursday, 5 August, with a screening of 'Screamers,' a unique documentary about genocide and genocide prevention.

Click [here](#) to visit the APCR2P's page on the Seminar Series.  
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