

General Assembly Interactive Dialogue on Early Warning, Assessment and the Responsibility to Protect

9 August 2010 The General Assembly (GA) held an informal interactive dialogue on Monday, 9 August on 'Early warning, assessment and the responsibility to protect' in response to the 14 July [report of the Secretary General \(A/64/864\)](#)

on the issue. The dialogue took place in follow up to the July 2009 GA debate on the Responsibility to Protect (RtoP), where Member States agreed (resolution A/RES/63/308) to continue consideration of RtoP.

On the occasion of the second meeting of the GA on RtoP, a total of 42 Member States, 2 representatives from regional organizations and 2 representatives from civil society spoke at the dialogue. A strong majority of States reaffirmed support for the emerging RtoP norm, welcomed the report of the Secretary General (SG) and called for continued discussions on RtoP in the GA. A range of constructive questions and concerns were raised about how the UN system can best gather and analyze information, develop policy options and translate them into early engagement. Not surprisingly, a few expected detractors continued to question the definition of RtoP and what has been agreed to by the GA.

The next steps at the UN on RtoP will include concrete proposals later this year by the SG to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) and the Fifth Committee on the creation of a joint office between the Special Advisors for the Prevention of Genocide and for the Responsibility to Protect. Click [here](#) to read our report.

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