

**Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect**

**Open Letter to the Member States of the United Nations - Marking the Fifth Anniversary of the Adoption of the Responsibility to Protect**

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Five years ago world leaders gathered in New York and unanimously committed to protect populations from the most conscience-shocking atrocity crimes: genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity. Now we mark the fifth anniversary of the historic pledge that they made to the responsibility to protect (R2P). We also acknowledge the magnitude of the challenge that lies ahead if the horrors of Rwanda, Srebrenica and Cambodia are not to be repeated in Kyrgyzstan, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), and Sudan (...)

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