

Our goal is to create freedom from fear and want, not just for states, but for all the people who live in them as well. Eleven years after the disaster in Rwanda we cannot shy away from addressing the responsibility to protect.

The Security Council in particular has the responsibility to act with authority, efficiency, and without hesitation in situations of mass atrocity. The Security Council is fully empowered under the Charter to address the full range of security threats with which States are concerned. The responsibility to protect must be preceded by a responsibility to prevent.

Clearly, we need to build greater consensus around the need for collective action and early diplomatic response, which can prevent the need for military intervention.

We need a Security Council reform that increases the effectiveness and the legitimacy of the Council, and enhances its capacity and willingness to act in the face of threats

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