

The Responsibility to Protect: Responding to Imminent Threats of Mass Atrocities 4th Annual R2P Ministerial Meeting, New York, 23 September 2011

Overview

Coinciding with the opening of the 66th Annual United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Republic of Guatemala, along with the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, co-hosted the fourth annual Ministerial meeting on the Responsibility to Protect (R2P). The meeting opened with statements from the two principal hosts, H.E. Dr U. Rosenthal, Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Netherlands, and H.E. Mr. Haroldo Rodas Melgar, Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Republic of Guatemala. Mr. Bruno Stagno Ugarte, former Foreign Minister of the Republic of Costa Rica, moderated the discussion with special comments from the United Nations (UN) Secretary-General, H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon.

The 2011 meeting was notable for the large number of countries who participated; 25 in total, including 10 at the Ministerial level. In all there were 10 representatives from Europe; 6 from Latin America; 2 from Africa; 1 from Asia; 2 from Oceania; 1 from North America; and 3 from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). Notable this year was the number of "new voices," including increased representation from Latin American and the MENA region. These countries brought fresh perspectives to the ongoing discussion about how to operationalize R2P. There were also several countries that attended the Ministerial Meeting as observers. As always, the meeting was conducted under the Chatham House Rule.

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