ICRtoP has completed its series of “At a Glance” educational tools on measures available under the third pillar ahead of the 2012 General Assembly dialogue on RtoP. Since 2009, the United Nations (UN) General Assembly has held an annual informal, interactive dialogue on the Responsibility to Protect (RtoP, R2P). The discourse is based in part on reports published by the UN Secretary-General ahead of the meetings exploring measures within the norm’s scope or the role of various actors. These dialogues are an important opportunity for Member States, regional and sub-regional organizations and civil society to discuss the norm’s implementation and assess best practices from past crisis situations. This year, the General Assembly plans to discuss the broad range of political, economic, humanitarian and, if necessary, military response measures available to actors at the national, regional, and international levels within the third pillar of the Responsibility to Protect.

ICRtoP encourages actors at all levels to participate in this timely discussion and generate constructive conversation on the regional and international community’s response to imminent threats or occurrences of genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and ethnic cleansing. Furthermore, ICRtoP provides information about the spectrum of measures available within the norm’s third pillar and expands on how these measures can be employed by actors at all levels.

Please see the Arabic version of Clarifying the Third Pillar of the Responsibility to Protect.