

**Meeting Summary: 5th Annual R2P Ministerial Meeting - The Responsibility to Protect: Deepening our Commitment to Mass Atrocity Prevention** Global Centre for the

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(...) Coinciding with the opening of the 67th United Nations General Assembly, the governments of Botswana, Brazil, Denmark and the Netherlands, in association with the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, co-hosted the fifth annual Ministerial Meeting on the Responsibility to Protect (R2P). The meeting opened with statements from the four governmental hosts: the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Botswana, H.E. Mr. Phandu T. C. Skelemani, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Denmark, H.E. Mr. Villy Søvndal, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, H.E. Dr. U. Rosenthal, and the Vice-Minister for Political Affairs of the Ministry of External Relations of the Federative Republic of Brazil, H.E. Ms. Vera Lúcia Barrouin Crivano Machado.

The meeting was attended by the Prime Minister of Slovenia, H.E. Mr. Janez Janša, and 14 ministers representing governments from across the globe. The UN Deputy Secretary-General, H.E. Mr. Jan Eliasson, and the Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, Mr. Adama Dieng, also participated. An additional ten governments from across Asia, Africa and Europe sent official observers to the meeting. As always, the meeting was conducted under the Chatham House Rule.

In keeping with UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's declaration of 2012 as the year of prevention, this year's Ministerial Meeting discussed how to operationalize the preventive dimension of the Responsibility to Protect, and deepen our understanding of effective responses to the threat of mass atrocities. (...)

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