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Special Edition: [Edward Luck Appointed as Special Advisor on the Responsibility to Protect]

At the end of August 2007, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon sent a letter to the UN Security Council President, Mr. Pascal Guyama, proposing the creation of the position of Special Advisor on the Responsibility to Protect. The position, acknowledged yesterday by the Security Council, is to be part-time and on the Assistant Secretary-General level with the main functions of conceptual development and consensus building for the responsibility to protect. The Special Advisor on the R2P, Edward Luck, will work closely with the Office of the Special Representative on Preventing Genocide and Mass Atrocities, Mr. Francis Deng.

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1. LETTER FROM UN SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SECURITY COUNCIL
31 August 2007

In his letter to the President of the Security Council dated 12 July 2004 (S/2004/567), the previous Secretary-General informed the President of his decision to appoint a Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, following the Council's invitation, in its resolution 1366 (2001), to refer to the Council information and analyses from within the United Nations system on cases of serious violations of international law, including international humanitarian law and human rights law.

At the end of May 2007, I appointed Mr. Francis Deng as the new Special Adviser for the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities, succeeding Mr. Juan Medez. In a continuing effort to strengthen the United Nations role in this area, I asked Mr. Deng to devote himself full-time to this position. Meantime, I have decided to change his title to that of Special Representative of the Secretary-General to better reflect the role and scope of his mandate. By making Mr. Deng full-time and by upgrading the level of the post to that of Under-Secretary-General, I would be implementing the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Genocide Prevention. As you

are aware, and in line with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the Prevention of Genocide, the title of Special Representative has been changed by adding mass atrocities to make it broader in scope without the need to determine first whether a specific situation has an genocidal character or not.

To enable the Special Representative to have greater operational impact and in recognizing the link between large-scale atrocities and threats to peace and security, his office needs to be strengthened. As part of this effort, and based on the agreement contained in paragraphs 138 and 139 of the 2005 World Summit Outcome Document, I intend to designate a Special Adviser on the **Responsibility to Protect** at the level of Assistant Secretary-General, on a part-time basis. Recognizing the fledgling nature of agreement on the responsibility to protect, the Special Advisers primary roles will be conceptual development and consensus-building.

I intend to appoint on a when-actually employed basis (WAE), Mr. Edward Luck, a distinguished international scholar with extensive knowledge of the United Nations system and a superb reputation for academic and practical excellence, to this position. Given the complementarity of the prevention of genocide and mass atrocities and the **responsibility to protect**, Mr. Luck will work under the over-all guidance of Mr. Deng to ensure consistency in the United Nations approach. For reasons both of efficiency and of the complementarity of their responsibilities, they will share an office and support staff.

As the Special Representative and the Special Adviser develop and implement their mandates, they will closely consult and coordinate with the Department of Political Affairs of the Secretariat and the High Commissioner for Human Rights, including in the context of their field presences and link to the United Nations human rights Treaty Bodies and Special Procedures. I would be grateful if you could bring this to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ban Ki-moon

Full text available at:

<http://www.responsibilitytoprotect.org/index.php?module=uploads&func=download&fileId=467>

2. APPOINTMENT CONFIRMED OF UN SPECIAL ADVISER ON RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT

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Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has welcomed the agreement of the Security Council to his intention to appoint Edward Luck as his new Special Adviser on the **Responsibility to Protect**.

Mr. Luck will serve in the post at the Assistant Secretary-General level on a part-time basis, UN spokesperson Marie Okabe told reporters today.

In a letter to the Council announcing his plan to appoint Mr. Luck, Mr. Ban called him

distinguished international scholar with extensive knowledge of the United Nations system and a superb reputation for academic and practical excellence.

() His primary roles will be conceptual development and consensus-building, in recognition of the fledgling nature of the international agreement on the **responsibility to protect** populations from genocide, ethnic cleansing, war crimes and crimes against humanity, Mr. Ban stated.

Full text available at:

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=25010&Cr=appoint&Cr1=>

3. SHORT BIO ON EDWARD LUCK

Edward C. Luck is Professor of Practice in International and Public Affairs and Director of the Center on International Organization of the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University. Dr. Luck has held various positions in the international political realm, including President and CEO of the UNA-USA organization, Staff Director of the General Assembly's Open-ended High-level Working Group on the Strengthening of the United Nations System, and Senior Consultant to the Department of Administration and Management of the United Nations during the UN reform process.

Dr. Luck received a BA from Dartmouth College and several graduate degrees from Columbia University. His degrees include an MA, MPh, and PhD degrees in political science from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, as well as an MIA from the School of International Affairs and the Certificate of the Harriman Institute.

More information on Edward Luck can be found at:

Basic info: <http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/academics/directory/ecl2002-fac.html>

Detailed info: <http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/cio/cio/luck.html>

<http://www.ipacademy.org/about-ipa/people/edward-luck>

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