

U.N. GENOCIDE POST TO FULL TIME

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UNITED NATIONS, April 9 (UPI) -- U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon says he is making the special adviser for the prevention of genocide a full-time post.

() The genocide-prevention post is held by Juan Mendez of Argentina , and the secretary-general said in a message marking the genocide anniversary he will also upgrade the U.N. Advisory Committee on Genocide Prevention.

He said Africa has taken its own steps as well, such as the signing of the Pact on Security, Stability and Development for the Great Lakes Region, which contains measures on genocide prevention and punishment.

"Preventing genocide is a collective and individual responsibility," Ban said. "Everyone has a role to play, governments, the media, civil society organizations, religious groups and each and every one of us." ()

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