

**EXCERPTED RtoP STATEMENTS FROM THE SECURITY COUNCIL OPEN  
DEBATE ON THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND  
SECURITY, OPTIMIZING THE USE OF PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY TOOLS:  
PROSPECTS AND CHALLENGES IN AFRICA**

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**H.E. Mr. Leslie Kojo Christian**  
Ambassador Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary Permanent  
Representative (Ghana):

(...) To succeed in placing preventive diplomacy at the top of our agenda, we must also embrace a shift in thinking and new concepts such as the **responsibility to protect** populations from genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, ethnic cleansing and the incitement of such acts. This was recognized by world leaders in their adoption of the 2005 World Summit Outcome Document (General Assembly resolution 60/1) and also finds a place as a treaty principle in article 4 of the AU Constitutive Act.

**H.E. Mr. Andrew Goledzinowski**  
Ambassador (Australia):

(...) Central to an effective system of conflict prevention is awareness of the situation, the ability to analyse that information and the political will to take action when needed. DPA plays an important role in collating and analysing the necessary information. In extreme situations, the proposed joint office of the Special Advisers on the Prevention of Genocide and for the **Responsibility to Protect**, the creation of which we support, should serve to alert the United

Nations system to emerging mass atrocity situations. It then becomes a question of political will.

**Mr. Ajumogobia** Minister of Foreign  
Affairs (Nigeria) (President of SC):

The Council recognizes the important role of the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Offices in supporting national efforts to prevent conflicts and in addressing cross-border threats. The Council also recognizes the value the Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa continues to add to the process of embedding preventive diplomacy practices into the Organization's conflict management architecture. In this connection, the Council recalls the role of the Secretary-General's **Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide** in matters relating to the prevention and resolution of conflict. The Council emphasizes the need for the full engagement of all relevant actors, including civil society, to sustain the momentum and perspective for a meaningful preventive diplomacy framework.

**H.E. Mr. Claude Heller** Ambassador  
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
(Mexico) (*spoke in Spanish*):

An illustration of the preventive work that we need in the Organization is the work that is being done by the Secretary-**General's Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide** in his efforts to reach the international community and generate early warning mechanisms to prevent the irreversible deterioration of especially delicate situations internationally and especially on the African continent.