

**Germany: Speaking Points at the Informal Interactive
Debate on Responsibility to Protect
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- At the outset I would like to thank the PGA for convening this important and timely debate. Special thanks to the SG for his intervention and his recent report on early warning and the responsibility to protect.
- Germany aligns itself with the EU intervention and would like to underline the following additional points:
- The GA debate in July 2009 has shown broad support for the political concept and the emerging norm of RtoP. Let me state once more that Germany fully supports the concept and implementation of RtoP.
- It is now the time to make RtoP operational. We welcome the important progress since then in this respect. The SG's Special Advisers, Ed Luck and Francis Deng, have contributed a lot to this achievement. We thank both of them.
- Conflict prevention and early warning are crucial to the concept of RtoP. Early warning is a necessary

precondition for early action. Germany therefore welcomes today's focus on early warning mechanisms.

- We in particular welcome the proposal to merge the Offices of the Special Advisers for the Prevention of Genocide and for RtoP. This should maximize synergies and also save resources and will certainly strengthen the new office's role in implementing RtoP. We are looking forward to concrete proposals in the months to come.
- It will also be important to establish an ad hoc mechanism on USG level within the UN system as proposed in the SG's report. This should provide for timely analysis of information and should enable us to translate analysis into concrete policy recommendations and action.
- Let me underline one important point with regard to information and early warning: There is undoubtedly already a wealth of information from different sources from within and from outside of the UN system. The challenge is to channel and to analyse this information and to translate it into concrete political action.
- We should improve the availability of local knowledge and information from sources also outside of the UN system. Regional and subregional partners of the UN should play a

crucial role in this effort. We would be interested to see concrete proposals in this regard.

- We hope that the ideas and recommendations in the SG report on early warning will find broad support and can be made operational as soon as possible.
- Thank you.