INVITATION

The Permanent Missions of Costa Rica, Denmark and Switzerland, the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect and the International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect cordially invite you to a panel discussion entitled:

Commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Genocide Convention: Challenges, good practices, and ways forward in prevention

Friday, 14 December
10am – 12pm
Maison de la Paix, Pétale 5, C1
Geneva

In December 2018, we mark two major achievements of the twentieth century: the adoption of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The international community agreed on these groundbreaking documents with a view to “never again” allow atrocities as those committed against the European Jews and other groups prior and during the Second World War. Both documents reflect that to prevent genocide and other atrocities, human rights must be protected.

70 years on, genocide and other atrocities are still committed in many parts of the world and remind us that no society is immune. Much remains to be done to prevent these crimes effectively and for this reason it is important to also identify success stories and share good practices. Moreover, it is necessary to reframe prevention from urgent crisis management to sustainable early and permanent prevention, which requires solid national policies and mechanisms.

This event will provide an opportunity for governments, civil society organizations and practitioners to take stock of achievements and failures in atrocity prevention. Drawing on lessons learned, the expert panel will discuss where the atrocity prevention community can and should be going in the future. Emphasis will be placed on how the Genocide Convention has invigorated action at the domestic level and how past experiences can be built upon. The event is organized with the support of the GAAMAC Support Office. The co-hosts are members of the GAAMAC Steering Group.

The panel will be chaired by GAAMAC Chair Ms. Mô Bleeker and will be followed by an interactive discussion with all participants.

Please join the panelists and participants for a morning tea before, and an informal sandwich lunch following the event!
PANELISTS

- **Ms. Felistas Mushi**, Chairperson of Tanzania’s National Committee on the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide, Crimes against Humanity, War Crimes and all Forms of Discrimination (to be confirmed)
- **Ambassador François Ngarambe**, Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations, WTO and other International Organizations in Geneva
- **Mr. Wichert Ten Have**, Adviser to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA)
- **Mr. Thomas Unger**, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights
- **Mr. Adama Dieng**, Special Adviser of the UN Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide (video message)

The panel will be chaired by Chair: **Ms. Mò Bleeker**, GAAMAC Chair and Swiss Special Envoy for Dealing with the Past and Prevention of Atrocities.

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