

## International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect Participates in Conference: UNEPS in Context: Third Pillar Capacities and First Pillar Responses

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*The International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect participated in a two day conference hosted by the Global Action to Prevent War and Armed Conflict in New York, which centered on the tools and capacities that are needed to implement RtoP at the state and international level. The participants came from a diverse background which included members of civil society, academics, and diplomats.*

(...) There was general agreement that the responsibility to address the threat or existence of atrocity crimes in specific national contexts requires more attention to the international community's 'toolbox' – from early warning mechanisms to standing, integrated, rapid-response, peacekeeping capacity – that must be developed in order to give appropriate, practical weight to the norms and values that guide the international system's commitment to protect civilians from gross violence. Participants represented diverse agencies, nationalities and issues, all united in a desire to end the threat of atrocity crimes that ravage families and communities.

The tools under review – especially our proposal for a UN Emergency Peace Service (UNEPS) – all require technical sophistication, viable political strategies and abundant trustbuilding with diplomats and the communities where atrocity crimes are most likely to threaten and such response tools are most likely to be deployed.

The workshop discussions were based on multiple civilian protection/R2P/UNEPS resources, many of which are available through Global Action to Prevent War (GAPW) on request at [coordinator@globalactionpw.org](mailto:coordinator@globalactionpw.org)

. More specifically, the workshop was punctuated by the launch of two new texts, the first of which was "Healing the Wounds: Speech, Identity and Reconciliation in Rwanda and Beyond," from the Human Rights and Genocide Clinic at the Benjamin Cardozo School and Law and GAPW. In addition, a team of UNEPS affiliates based at Rutgers University Law School shared their 'Draft Statute for the Formation and Operation of the United Nations Emergency Peace Service for the Prevention of Genocide and Crimes against Humanity.' (...)

*For further information read the*

[\*\*conference report\*\*](#)

*and full*

[\*\*list of participants\*\*](#)

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