

Invitation

Ministerial-Level Presentation of the

Code of Conduct regarding Security Council action against genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes

as elaborated by the ACT (Accountability, Coherence, Transparency) Group

The world expects the Security Council to take effective action to prevent or end genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes – the worst crimes under international law. Recent history has shown, however, that the Council is all too often unable to live up to these expectations. Member States of ACT have therefore elaborated a Code of Conduct wherein current and potential future members of the Security Council pledge to support action against genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes. They also commit not to vote against credible draft SC resolutions that are aimed at preventing these crimes. The purpose of this event is to introduce and discuss this Code of Conduct, which Member States have been invited to formally support. The launch of the Code of Conduct will take place on 23 October 2015, on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the United Nations.

Where: United Nations Headquarters, Conference Room 3
When: Thursday, 1 October 2015, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Panelists: H.E. Dr. Aurelia Frick, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Liechtenstein

H.E. Mr. Carlos Raúl Morales, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala H.E. Hon. Mr. Murray McCully, Minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand

Mr. Kenneth Roth, Executive Director of Human Rights Watch

Agenda:

11:30 - 12:15 Presentation of the Code of Conduct: panel discussion

12:15 - 1:00 Questions and comments (incl. expressions of commitment to the Code of Conduct)

Logistical Notes:

- Delegations are invited to participate at the ministerial level. To request priority seating and speaking slots for ministerial participants, please contact rh@nyc.llv.li as soon as possible.
- Representatives of civil society are invited to attend. In order to allow sufficient time for the necessary "special access badges" to be obtained, interested individuals should contact rh@nyc.llv.li no later than 28 September.