

## Invitation

### **Preventing and Ending Mass Atrocities: Tools for More Effective UN Security Council Action**

**Friday, 22 September 2017, 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
United Nations Headquarters, Conference Room 2**

Moderator:

Mr. Simon Adams, Executive Director of the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect

Panelists:

H.E. Ms. Aurelia Frick, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Principality of Liechtenstein

H.E. Mr. Luis Videgaray Caso, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mexico

H.E. Mr. Jean-Baptiste Lemoyne, Minister of State attached to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France

Ms. Mary Robinson, the Elders

Mr. Salil Shetty, Secretary-General of Amnesty International

Background:

In order to ensure more effective UN Security Council action aimed at preventing or ending mass atrocities, UN Member States from all regional groups have endorsed two separate but complementary initiatives: The Code of Conduct, as elaborated by the Accountability, Coherence, and Transparency Group (ACT), and a joint French/Mexican initiative on voluntarily suspending the veto in situations of mass atrocities.

113 States (including eight current members of the Security Council) have endorsed the ACT Code of Conduct, thereby pledging not to vote against a credible draft resolution aimed at preventing or ending genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes, and also to support timely Security Council action to this end. France and Mexico have also proposed that permanent members of the Security Council should make a voluntary commitment to refrain from using their veto in situations of mass atrocities – to date, 99 States have subscribed to the French/Mexican initiative on veto restraint.

The panel discussion will address the progress made and remaining implementation challenges of the two complementary initiatives, as well as other ideas for better Security Council action aimed at ending or preventing mass atrocities.

**After the panel discussion, the floor will be opened for interventions by Member States and civil society representatives. To reserve a place on the informal speaking list as well as for any further questions, please contact:** Mr. Sina Alavi (+1 212 599 0220 ext. 230 | [sa@nyc.llv.li](mailto:sa@nyc.llv.li)).