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To: Mr. Vijay Nambiar, Chef de Cabinet, EOSG

FROM: BLAIR BLACKWELL,  
DIRECTOR, PRIVATE SECTOR  
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Organisation: The U.N. Secretariat

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Re: Please join us on 16 September for a cocktail reception

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Dear Mr. Nambiar,

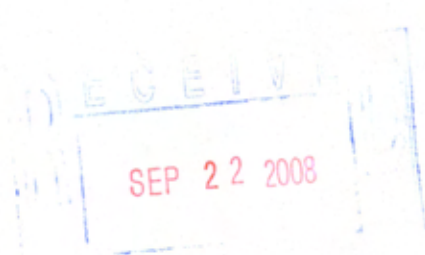
We are pleased to invite you to a cocktail reception on September 16, 2008 for the launch of Crisis Group President Gareth Evans' new book: *The Responsibility to Protect: Ending Mass Atrocity Crimes Once and for All*.

Please find attached an invitation to the event as well as information about the book. Please RSVP to Vicky Ma via email ([vma@crisisgroup.org](mailto:vma@crisisgroup.org)) or telephone (+1 212 813 0820) by September 8, 2008.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,  
Blair Blackwell

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International Advisory Council members  
Annalu Ponti and Geoffrey Hoguet

Invite you to a cocktail reception celebrating the launch of Crisis Group President  
Gareth Evans' new book:

*The Responsibility to Protect: Ending Mass Atrocity Crimes  
Once and for All*

16<sup>th</sup> of September 2008  
from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm

at Annalu and Geoffrey's residence:  
580 Park Avenue, Apartment 5  
New York, NY

Please RSVP to Vicky Ma via email ([vma@crisisgroup.org](mailto:vma@crisisgroup.org)) or telephone (+1 212 813 0820) by  
September 9, 2008





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"Never again!" the world has vowed time and again since the Holocaust. Yet genocide, ethnic cleansing, and other mass atrocity crimes continue to shock our consciences. The Responsibility to Protect (R2P) captures a simple and powerful idea. The primary responsibility for protecting its own people from mass atrocity crimes lies with the state itself. But when a state is unwilling or unable to halt or avert such crimes, the wider international community then has a collective responsibility to take action. The book examines how big a break R2P represents from the past, and how, with its acceptance in principle and effective application in practice, the promise of "Never again!" can at last become a reality.

"Gareth Evans, one of the principal creators of the Responsibility to Protect, has written the first major work on this noble, important, and elusive concept. Anyone interested in international affairs should read this book on what is certain to be a continuing debate."

Ambassador Richard Holbrooke, U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, 1999-2001

"The responsibility to protect is the most important and imaginative doctrine to emerge on the international scene for decades. No one is better placed than Gareth Evans to lead the debate about its scope and application to contemporary crises, such as Darfur, Myanmar, and Zimbabwe. And no one could have done it better than in this comprehensive and sophisticated book."

Louise Arbour, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights 2004-2008; Chief Prosecutor, International Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, 1996-1999

"We have been shamed so often by our failure so often to protect the victims of mass atrocity crimes. Gareth Evans's book is a passionate, lucidly argued and immensely well informed guide to how the world can do better. I hope it gets the readership in high places, not least in Africa, it deserves."

Desmond Tutu, Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town; Chairman of the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission 1995-1998

### About the author:

The Honorable Gareth Evans has been President of the International Crisis Group since January 2000. He came to Crisis Group after 21 years in Australian politics, thirteen of them as a Cabinet Minister. As Foreign Minister (1988-96) he was best known internationally for his role in developing the UN peace plan for Cambodia, helping conclude the Chemical Weapons Convention, and helping initiate new Asia Pacific regional economic and security architecture. He has written or edited eight books – including *Cooperating for Peace*, launched at the UN in 1993 – and published over 90 journal articles and chapters on foreign relations, human rights and legal and constitutional reform. He was Co-Chair of the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty, which published its report, *The Responsibility to Protect*, in December 2001; and a member and co-author of the reports of the UN Secretary General's High Level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change (December 2004), the Blix Commission on Weapons of Mass Destruction (June 2006), and the Zedillo International Task Force on Global Public Goods (September 2006). He is currently a member of the UN Secretary-General's Advisory Committee on the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities.