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Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, I would like to sincerely thank you for your gracious participation at our recent event, "Genocide: A Preventable Crime" on 15 January 2014. Your statement was a powerful reminder of the importance of early warning to prevent mass atrocity crimes.

I hope you will agree with me that the event was a great success, with the participation of over 430 people, including at least 50 UN member states. The formal presentations and comments from the floor illustrate that support for the Responsibility to Protect is strong and that it is here to stay. I especially appreciated those remarks by member states that raised the issue of voluntary restraint of the veto and a possible General Assembly resolution on the prevention of mass atrocity crimes.

As we move towards the 20<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the Rwandan genocide on 7 April 2014, it is critical that we use this moment to encourage the UN and its member states to rededicate themselves to ending mass atrocity crimes once and for all. In this regard, I thank you for highlighting your Rights Up Front initiative.

Thank you again for your enduring support, I take this opportunity to extend my personal regards and friendship.

Yours truly,



Dr. Simon Adams  
Executive Director

THE WORLD  
HAS EMBRACED  
THE RESPONSIBILITY  
TO PROTECT – NOT  
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