

TO: Members of the Policy Committee  
A: Participants at the 17 September Policy Committee meeting  
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FROM: The Secretary-General  
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SUBJECT: Decisions of the Secretary-General – 17 September meeting of the Policy Committee  
OBJET:

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**Decision No. 2008/29 – Responsibility to Protect**

- i. As the Secretary-General has decided (Decision No. 2008/21 (iv)), the Special Adviser for the Prevention of Genocide (SAPG) and the Special Adviser (SASG) who works primarily on the Responsibility to Protect (RtoP) will share a single office. Once the General Assembly has had the opportunity to review the Secretary-General's report on RtoP, steps will be taken to make a proposal to the General Assembly for any regular budget posts beyond those posts already approved for the Office of the SAPG. **(Action: Special Advisers, EOSG)**
- ii. The Special Advisers will continue to consult widely on how best to insure system-wide coherence on RtoP and genocide prevention matters, including on how the joint office should relate to the Policy Committee and contribute to the shaping of policy options in situations in which a State is manifestly failing to meet its RtoP responsibilities. The consultations will address the possibilities for utilizing existing inter-agency and inter-departmental mechanisms or for creating a new one for this purpose. **(Action: Special Advisers)**
- iii. Once the Secretary-General's draft report on RtoP is submitted to the EOSG by 30 September, the Special Advisers and the EOSG will develop a plan for consulting widely with the Member States about its conclusions and proposals during the Fall of 2008, prior to its submission to the General Assembly later in the year. They will consult, as well, with DPI on how to increase public awareness of the Secretary-General's approach to RtoP. **(Action: Special Advisers and EOSG, in consultation with DPI)**

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