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17 January 2014

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, I welcome your forthcoming report on the situation in the Central African Republic (CAR).

Your report comes at a crucial moment for CAR, which faces an enduring threat of further mass atrocity crimes despite recent political developments. As such, I respectfully request your report consider the following points:

- The continued risk of mass atrocity crimes against civilian populations should be made clear to Member States. The United Nations (UN) High Commissioner for Human Rights has warned that "despite some important reconciliation efforts in Bangui, the situation remains extremely volatile and dangerous. Without serious intervention, further attacks, including massive violations...may well re-occur." The situation in CAR is thus an important test case of both the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) and the new 'Rights Up Front' initiative that you have championed;
- Despite the welcome increase in French and African Union (AU) troops since the passing of Resolution 2127 on 5 December, your report should make clear that there are still major protection gaps in Bangui and other towns and villages, particular in the northwest. Furthermore, very serious concerns remain regarding the ability of the AU-led MISCA to fulfill the protective mandate it has been granted by the UN Security Council;
- These factors underline necessity for the expeditious deployment of a robust UN peacekeeping operation in CAR under Chapter VII of the UN Charter. Your report should strongly emphasize this, while stressing that the timeline of transition to a UN peacekeeping operation should be accelerated.

I thank you for your continued engagement, and your tireless efforts to ensure the international community upholds its Responsibility to Protect in the Central African Republic.

Yours truly,



Dr. Simon Adams
Executive Director

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