

Organizational Sign-On Statement on Atrocities Prevention

We, the undersigned twenty-six organizations, encourage congressional action in support of strong U.S. government efforts to prevent violent conflict, avert mass atrocities, and protect civilians threatened by such crises.

Preventing violent conflict and mass atrocities is a core national security interest of the United States. Right now, over 50 million people have been displaced by conflict worldwide - the highest number since World War II. This has required growing expenditures to support life-saving humanitarian assistance and has led to other cost-intensive interventions. These crises have also resulted in increased instability with long-term consequences for countries and regions around the world, feeding into the possibility for repeated and expanded cycles of violence. These threats to U.S. security and interests can be mitigated with robust investments in prevention.

We believe that diplomatic and development tools are cost effective and uniquely capable of addressing the root causes and drivers of violent conflict. By addressing the core issues, these tools help to support the creation of resilient societies that act as a bulwark against violence. However, proper prioritization and investments are required for these tools to have widespread and sustainable impact.

In order to ensure that efforts to prevent atrocities and violent conflict are successful, we urge the U.S. Congress to authorize, fund, and strengthen the growing number of prevention-focused tools managed by the Department of State and U.S. Agency for International Development as well as to authorize the high-level interagency policy committee represented by the Atrocities Prevention Board.

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1. Carl Wilkens Fellowship
 2. Colorado Coalition for Genocide Awareness and Action (Denver, CO)
 3. Conference of Major Superiors of Men (Silver Spring, MD)
 4. Darfur Action Group of South Carolina (Columbia, SC)
 5. Dear Sudan, Love Marin (Tiburon, CA)
 6. Enough Project (Washington, D.C.)
 7. Franciscan Action Network (Washington, D.C.)
 8. Friends Committee on National Legislation (Washington, D.C.)
 9. Georgia Coalition to Prevent Genocide (Atlanta, GA)

10. Humanity United (Washington, D.C.)
11. i-ACT (Redondo Beach, CA)
12. International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect
13. Invisible Children (Washington, D.C.)
14. Jewish World Watch (Encino, CA)
15. Never Again Coalition (Portland, OR)
16. Operation Broken Silence (Memphis, TN)
17. Pax Christi International
18. Peace Alliance
19. The Resolve LRA Crisis Initiative (Washington, D.C.)
20. San Francisco Bay Area Darfur Coalition (San Francisco, CA)
21. STAND: The Student-Led Movement to End Mass Atrocities
22. Stop Genocide Now (Los Angeles, CA)
23. Student Peace Alliance
24. Sudan Advocacy Action Forum
25. Sudan Unlimited (San Francisco, CA)
26. United to End Genocide (Washington, D.C.)