

Informal, Interactive Dialogue of the 67th Session of the General Assembly on the
Responsibility to Protect: Prevention and State Responsibility
New York, 11 September 2013

PRESIDENT'S SUMMARY

Background

1. The President of the 67th Session of the General Assembly convened an informal, interactive dialogue on the Report of the Secretary-General on the responsibility to protect: "State responsibility and prevention" (A/67/98/2013/399) on 11 September 2013. The thematic debate commenced with opening remarks by H.E. Amb. Nawaf Salam, Acting President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General, H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon.

2. Mr. Adama Dieng, Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide moderated a panel discussion on State responsibility and prevention which included remarks by Mr. Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary-General, and Mr. Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary-General.

3. Panellists emphasized that effective prevention implied building resilient, transparent societies, with national institutions that respect human rights and have the capacity to address and defuse sources of tensions before they become violent. Panellists also emphasized the importance of building societies which value diversity and are willing to learn from the experiences of other populations. Panellists reflected on national experiences of undertaking prevention and proposed ways forward to strengthen atrocity prevention efforts. They also underlined the importance of building resilient, transparent societies, with national institutions that respect human rights and have the capacity to address and defuse sources of tensions before they become violent.

5. Many Member States welcomed

