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SPOTLIGHT ON ATROCITIES PREVENTION

The Asia Pacific Partnership for Atrocity Prevention

The Asia Pacific Partnership for Atrocity Prevention (APPAP) is an alliance of organizations that aims to contribute to the prevention of atrocities, and their incitement, and the protection of vulnerable communities in the Asia Pacific region. APPAP held its first meeting in Singapore from 7-8 November 2016. Offering opening remarks at the meeting, Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, former Secretary-General of ASEAN and Chair of the High-Level Advisory Panel on the Responsibility to Protect in Southeast, welcomed APPAP's official launch and commended APPAP members for joining their efforts to promote a shared vision of region that protects its own people from atrocity crimes.

The fourteen founding members of the Asia Pacific Partnership for

Atrocity Prevention include: Altsean-Burma; ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights; the Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect; Ateneo de Manila University; the Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace; the Centre for International Law, Korean National Diplomatic Academy; the Centre for Non-Traditional Security, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore; the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect; the Habibie Centre; Human Rights Working Group-Indonesia; Humanti, Malaysia; the Bali Institute for Peace and Democracy; Initiatives for International Dialogue, Mindanao, The Philippines; and the Research Centre on the United Nations and International Organizations, Beijing Foreign Studies University, China.

APPAP's goal is to facilitate coherent and comprehensive action to prevent atrocities that mobilizes the capacities of local, regional and global actors. At their first meeting, members endorsed six key principles to guide APPAP action:

1. the full implementation of the Responsibility to Protect principle as agreed by all governments at the 2005 World Summit, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations;
2. the full implementation of International Humanitarian and Human Rights Law, especially,
 - Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide
 - Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Second Optional Protocol thereto (1989)
 - International Covenant on Social, Economic and Cultural Rights
 - Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
 - Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
 - Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
 - Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 Protocol thereto
 - Convention on the Rights of the Child
 - Arms Trade Treaty
3. full respect for the principle of inclusivity;
 4. recognition and respect for cultural diversity;
 5. recognition of the need for gender sensitive approaches to all aspects of work; and
 6. recognition of the value of the rule of law, the principle of legal accountability and the need to end impunity.

APPAP ACTION PLAN

In November 2016, APPAP members also adopted an action plan for progressing their goals, which includes establishing four Working Groups:

•**The Working Group on Atrocity Prevention and Awareness Raising** aims to develop a comprehensive plan for raising awareness of R2P and building commitment to it across the region, and is convened by: the Cambodian Institute for Co-operation and Peace and the Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect;

•**The Working Group on Security Sector Governance and Atrocity Prevention** aims to develop a report outlining how security sector governance might be utilized to support atrocity prevention in the Asia Pacific, and is convened by: Initiatives for International Dialogue, Mdm. Loretta Rosales, and the Coalition for the International Criminal Court-Asia Pacific;

•**The Working Group on the Prevention of Incitement to Commit Atrocity Crimes** aims to develop draft regional guidelines on the prevention of incitement to commit atrocity crimes and prevention of hate speech in a manner consistent with the right to speech, and is convened by: Human Rights Working Group-Indonesia and the Habibie Centre; and

•**The Working Group on Gender and Atrocities Prevention** aims to develop a report on gender violence and discrimination and early warning on atrocity crimes, and is convened by Ateneo de Manila University and the Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect.

APPAP also plans to support early warning capacity building by convening training on the United Nations Framework of Analysis for Atrocity Crimes, which will focus on early warning indicators and how to incorporate them into daily work of organisations.

The Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect serves as the APPAP Secretariat, and provides administrative support and maintains the APPAP website. APPAP membership is open to organizations that operate within the Asia Pacific and are committed to the core principles and purposes of the partnership.



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