

Both Special Advisers urged Member States, the United Nations system, regional and sub-regional organizations and civil society to continue to work together to protect vulnerable populations from mass violence. Sustained and mutually reinforcing partnership is, in their view, the key.

To provide early warning of situations where there is a risk of genocide and related crimes is the primary role of the Office of the United Nations Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, which works closely with Mr. Luck, given their distinct but closely related mandates. The Office was established in 2004 in recognition of the international community's failure to prevent or stop past genocides. It was given a threefold mandate by the Security Council: to collect and assess information on situations that might lead to genocide; to advise the Secretary-General and, through him, the Security Council and make recommendations to prevent or halt genocide; and to liaise with the UN system on preventive measures and enhance the United Nations' capacity to analyze and manage information on genocide or related crimes.

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