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The Responsibility to Protect: Preventing Gross Violations of Human Rights

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This presentation will examine the first dimension of the responsibility to protect, namely the responsibility to prevent gross violations of human rights. It will explore what preventive mechanisms exist at the present time, their adequacy and effectiveness, and how prevention can be strengthened in the future. The speaker is author of *Preventive Diplomacy at the UN*, Indiana University Press, 2008.

Dr Bertrand Ramcharan was UN Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights 1998-2003 and Acting High Commissioner for Human Rights from 2003 to 2004. Having worked in the UN system for more than 30 years, he knows the inside out of international human rights mechanisms. Dr. Ramcharan is a leading scholar in international human rights law and has published more than 25 books on this subject.

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