

Statement from The Conservatives on preventing mass atrocities

Genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity are issues we must tackle. These crimes affect the UK's own security and prosperity. In addition to the appalling human costs, mass atrocities force people from their homes, increase the risk of terrorism, and perpetuate international instability.

These are matters of conscience, not partisanship. This is an issue of priority for the Conservative Party but it is not an issue owned by the Conservative Party. We will continue to champion the atrocity prevention agenda and work to build cross-party agreement on ways in which we can tackle the challenges we face. To maintain Britain's global leadership role, we will continue to work together, across party and politics, and with civil society organisations.

Response to an open letter to Party Leaders from the UK Civil Society Atrocity Prevention Working Group, coordinated by Protection Approaches