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### ***“Ending Mass Atrocities: Is the Responsibility to Protect the Answer?”***

In February 2008, Dr. Edward C. Luck was appointed by the U.N. Secretary-General Mr. Ban Ki-Moon to be his Special Adviser primarily focusing on the U.N.’s responsibility to protect. He holds the rank of Assistant Secretary-General.

Dr. Luck is Senior Vice-President for Research and Programmes at the International Peace Institute – an independent, international non-profit think tank. From 2001 to 2010, he was Columbia University’s Professor of Practice in International and Public Affairs as well as its Director of the Centre on International Organisations.

His brilliant career as an international relations practitioner, scholar and author started some 30-odd years ago when he was an intern at the United Nations while in graduate school at Columbia University. Since then he has served the UN in various capacities.

A past President and CEO of the UN Association of USA, Dr. Luck has taught at Princeton and at Sciences-Po (Paris), and founded a research centre co-sponsored by the New York University School of Law and Princeton’s Woodrow Wilson School. A prolific author, his recent books include the UN Security Council: Practice and Promise and Mixed Messages: American Politics and International Organisations.

Dr. Luck brings with him an incomparable academic background: a B.A. from Dartmouth College and a series of graduate degrees from Columbia University including MA, MPh and PhD in Political Science.