



Statement of Condolence, Kenneth Bacon (1944-2009)

The board and staff of the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect express our condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Kenneth Bacon.

Many of us have had the privilege of working closely with Ken and witnessing first-hand his contributions to humanity and dedication to the protection of some of the world's most vulnerable populations. He never ceased pursuing his vision that the world's leaders can and must do better to halt mass atrocities.

We recall his work in advance of the 2005 World Summit, calling for the acceptance by world leaders of a responsibility to protect populations from genocide and other mass atrocities, and we know his voice was heard when heads of state adopted the responsibility to protect in the 2005. We also recognize his contribution to the establishment of the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect in February 2008. The Global Centre is dedicated to mobilizing action to turn the pledge of a responsibility to protect populations from mass atrocities into a reality. Refugees International is one of our founding NGOs and he personally contributed his vision and expertise to shaping our mission and mandate. He continued this role as a member of our International Advisory Board, and advised us on our overall direction and on specific crisis situations.

We are only one of many organizations and a few of the vast number of individuals across the world who have benefited from Ken's wisdom, passion and leadership.

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