

**Press Release**

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**OBAMA ADMINISTRATION CREATES ATROCITIES PREVENTION BOARD TO PROTECT UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY; WHERE IS CANADA'S ATROCITIES PREVENTION BOARD???**

President Obama will announce the creation of the U.S. Atrocities Prevention Board at the U.S. Holocaust Museum at 9:45 a.m. on Monday, 23 April. The President's initiative once more implements recommendations of the Will to Intervene Project of the Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies at Concordia University and expert recommendations from the Cohen/Albright Commission.

While the President recognizes that preventing mass atrocities is a core national security interest as well as a core moral responsibility of the United States, Canadian Prime Minister Harper has yet to officially recognize the connection between Canada's national security and mass atrocity prevention. Following the President's announcement and the webcast panel discussion (1:00 p.m. at the White House featuring Samantha Power (National Security Council Adviser for Multilateral Affairs) and NGO leaders (go to [www.ushmm.org/prevent](http://www.ushmm.org/prevent) or [whitehouse.gov/live](http://whitehouse.gov/live)). Kyle Matthews, Senior Deputy Director of the Will to Intervene Project at the Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies, Concordia University, will be available for interviews with the media about the recommendations to the Government of Canada of the Will to Intervene project. He can be reached at 1-514-975-8160 or by email at [kylematt@alcor.concordia.ca](mailto:kylematt@alcor.concordia.ca).



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