

Open Letter to the Governments of the World to Support the Work of Atrocity Prevention during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Media and communications guidance

Thank you for joining the call to governments of the world to prioritise the prevention of identity-based violence and mass atrocities during and in the wake of the Covid-19 Pandemic. As experts in this field, we know that even with the pressing concern of a global pandemic, now is not the time for state actors to turn their attention and funding away from atrocity prevention; in fact, now is the moment to prioritize this work, placing it at the top of the policy agenda. The pandemic, and its potential to serve as a trigger for mass violence, makes atrocity prevention more urgent than ever.

We hope this simple communications pack will assist in your dissemination efforts. We urge you to share on social media and with your networks, and to ensure your appropriate state representatives receive a copy of the letter.

Please remember that the letter will remain open for signatures so do continue to share with others in our community who may wish to put their name to it.

With thanks and in solidarity,

The Auschwitz Institute for the
Prevention of Genocide and
Mass Atrocities

Genocide Alert

Protection Approaches

Resources:

- Open Letter on the AIPG website: [\[EN\]](#) [\[ES\]](#) [\[FR\]](#)
- Downloadable PDF version of the Open Letter: [\[EN\]](#)
- To add NGO name(s) to list of signatories: [\[Google Doc\]](#)

Suggested tweets:

1. Today more than 50 NGOs working to prevent mass atrocities warned the governments of the world that #covid19 and its potential to trigger identity-based violence makes atrocity prevention more urgent than ever. Join the global call: <https://bit.ly/2xTUsly> #MAprev
2. We've joined over 50 NGOs to warn the governments of the world that #covid19 and its potential to trigger identity-based violence makes atrocity prevention more urgent than ever. Support the global call to prevent atrocities during the pandemic: <https://bit.ly/2xTUsly> #MAprev
3. We're proud to join more than 50 NGOs calling on the governments of the world to maintain commitments to preventing identity-based violence and mass atrocities during and in the wake of #Covid19. Support the global call: <https://bit.ly/2xTUsly> #MAprev