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Thank you, Moderator.

We believe that this is a unique opportunity to go into greater depth and support the Responsibility to Protect from prevention point of view. This is a part of the tools for integral reform, in order to construct resilient societies. In the current context of reforming the U.N., as carried forward by the UN Secretary-General, this forms part of it. We would like to see a broad base for this protection. This is crucial for us. It should be included within the UN System as a whole. We would therefore like to welcome the policies of protection against retaliation and we recognize a need for a victims-approach fully supported by the organization as a guarantor of transparent and legitimate processes. However, we must not forget that even when R2P can be seen as a tool in support of reform it must fully comply with the organization's mandates, so as not to undermine the processes began since its adoption in 2005.

Mr. Moderator, we support the recommendation of incorporating R2P as an agenda item, but we would also like to call for respect for the work of the organization and its principals and prerogatives; aiming at operationalizing humane lines of action proposed and giving priority to the rights and dignity of victims; ending impunity; promoting the participation of civil society and local communities amongst other actors, as well as improving strategic communications for awareness and transparency. We also strongly emphasize the relevant role of women in the prevention of atrocity crimes on the understanding that this can be a key element for early warning and peacebuilding, promoting cooperation, capacity building, support networks and building more cohesive and inclusive societies.

We support the initiatives to refrain from the use of the veto within the security council, human rights upfront and also value the work and effort of the office of the Special Advisor on the Prevention of genocide, the Special Advisor on the Responsibility to Protect and the Global Centre for R2P, especially its coordination as secretariat of the Focal Points Network.

Finally Moderator, for Chile, the Responsibility to Protect and the commitment of the Secretary-General in the interests of transparency, prevention and accountability together with the other reforms of the system will leave an indelible mark on the work of the organization, repositioning the public character of the work that we do.

Thank you.