

Statement delivered by Nicaragua – Informal Interactive Dialogue on R2P, 6 September 2016
[TRANSLATION]

Mr. Chair,

We thank you for having convened this meeting on the subject of the Responsibility to Protect, a theme on which much remains to be said.

Our delegation is concerned by the fact that report A/70/999 is calling for the implementation of R2P when there is no consensus on this theme in the General Assembly and when the views of many countries have yet to be heard on this subject.

Sir,

The UN Charter does not include any kind of reference to a right of interference or humanitarian intervention, however it does include references to the principle of protection of the sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of states. Under no circumstance can it be asserted, as is done in this report, that R2P is a principle of international law.

Sir,

Since 2003, we have seen invasions of stable states in the name of R2P, which have sown chaos, death and destruction. Since the fatidic date of 2003, we have witnessed how interventionism and violations of sovereignty have led to the complete disintegration of states and caused suffering to populations. The situation of some regions of our planet are such that we see flows of millions of refugees and in some cases the establishment of the Islamic State.

Sir, we also reiterate that at no point in time has there been a real dialogue on the theme of R2P, and disagree to adopting it as a fact.

Sir,

Nicaragua advocate for the reformation of the United Nations, so that everyone's interests may prevail, so that we can speak and listen to one another as equals, all of us Members States, avoiding any form of meddling, interference or intervention, in the affairs of sovereign states.

In the inspiring words of our President Daniel Ortega Saavedra: "Our Organization must respond to the challenges of our time with measures and actions reflecting the supreme interest of the people: the respect, inviolability of sovereignty, the acknowledgement of natural resources and patrimony, the promotion of security, justice and peace."

Thank you, Sir.