

Statement by the People's Republic of China at the Informal Interactive Dialogue on R2P [Transcribed]

Mr. Moderator,

The Chinese delegation welcomes the initiative by the GA President to convene today's meeting and we would like to emphasize the following points:

First, the Responsibility to Protect adopted at the 2005 World Summit provides a prudential norm with respect to its application to the four international crimes, namely genocide, ethnic cleansing, war crimes and crimes against humanity.

All parties should refrain from expanding the norm or take liberty in the explanation. At the present, Member States have not reached a consensus. The United Nations should continue the discussion.

Second, national governments have the primary responsibility to protect their citizens. The national governments in question should take the initiative with the international community in providing the timely and constructive assistance.

The international community in providing assistance should strictly abide by the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, respect sovereign equality and national leadership in order to avoid the negative impact on the national situation. The UN can have the core role in coordination of international assistance.

Third, States, in implementing the responsibility to protect, should establish relevant policies and mechanisms in accordance with their own conditions. States should increase their investment in early prevention and in conflict resolution and to mediate conflict to resolve differences. These should become the important parts of the responsibility to protect.

Fourth, in providing assistance to states in implementing their responsibility to protect, the international community should adopt measures appropriate to the local conditions and *[inaudible]* on the ground. There is no one standard model.

The preventive actions should give priority through dialogues, negotiations and good offices.

Forceful intervention and the use of force should be the last resort.

Thank you, Mr. Moderator.