

Statement delivered on behalf of the Permanent Mission of Qatar to the United Nations

General Assembly informal, interactive dialogue on the “Responsibility to Protect: State Responsibility and Prevention”

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Thank you Mr. Moderator,

I would like to express my appreciation to the President of the General Assembly for convening this meeting to continue the series of the annual meetings to discuss the Secretary General's report on the concept of the responsibility to protect which allows us, the Member States, to express our views vis-a-vis the basic rules and concepts and standards related to this important concept. I would like to thank the Secretary General for presenting this report. In this context, we have to recall what has been agreed by the Member States regarding the responsibility to protect, including paragraph 138 and 139 of the Outcome Document of 2005.

The RtoP is, in the first place, a preventive measure that is known to be based on three pillars. They have been discussed over the past years, and according to this understanding, it has become clear that the first pillar requires that the member states work to develop their capacities to build a society that cannot be subject to mass atrocities. This is linked to RtoP in relation to enhancing peace and stability and in relation to enhancing the ability of states to build the capacities to prevent mass atrocities. We do agree with the Secretary-General that this requires fostering the legitimacy and sovereignty of states, which in return requires having structural policies and operational policy tools to improve good governance and accountability and prioritize human rights.

We also agree with the Secretary-General that this responsibility is not confined to situations of armed conflict or imminent conflict. However, acts that might lead to the creation of an environment that induce atrocities and crimes, including violations of human rights, have to be taken into consideration, as well as anything that is related to discriminatory and extremist ideologies.

Thank you Mr. Chair.