

Statement delivered by Libya – Informal Interactive Dialogue on R2P, 6 September 2016

[UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTION FROM WEBCAST]

Sir, I would like to thank Mister Lykketoft, the President of the General Assembly for this interactive dialogue regarding R2P. I also thank Mr. Ban Ki-Moon for his efforts made tirelessly in order to achieve the lofty objectives of the UN.

The principle of R2P is one of the important principles adopted by leaders of the world in 2005 because of the need to develop the UN's responsibility to deal with threats against the lives of civilians regarding war crimes, genocide, crimes against humanity, as well as others. We hope that the world will be united to prevent their repetition. Despite all these efforts and after more than ten years, we can say that a little success was achieved and it has become an integral part of UN peacekeeping operations. But, there are new challenges because of terrorism, violence, violent extremism, as well as wars involving civilians in certain countries. The world has witnessed the UN intervention to protect civilians from genocide, war crimes and ethnic cleansing but we are witnessing the fact that this was not enough.

R2P is an international strategy which should continue after assistance has been provided to help the new governments to put an end to suffering in their territories and to implement their capacities for peace and security in order to provide a proper life for their citizens. The international community intervened in Libya to implement this principle, but the rapid withdrawal as well as the other factors have increased the crisis in Libya. So, it's important to implement the R2P provisions and having law prevail together with the army and police to get to a situation where we can do away with terrorism and restore law.

We urge countries not to use their veto right but rather use mediation and good offices in such cases. Those who commit mass murders should not enjoy immunity. The international community should help states in their sovereignty and ensure noninterference in their internal affairs. We hope for positive results of our dialogue.