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Thank you, Mr. Moderator for giving me the floor.

I'd like to clarify the DPRK position on the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the Responsibility to Protect.

First, responsibility to protect its people from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity is entirely within each country's sovereignty and it should be respected. [Examples] of war continues across the world, many peoples in the world and conflict-stricken countries were massacred and wander around as homeless refugees seeking for means of life. But there has been no war for decades in the DPRK. People live a peaceful and stable life. The DPRK government has stand firmly against the military threat and aggression maneuvers of the hostile forces, which make desperate efforts to infringe upon national sovereignty and people's destiny.

Second, the concept of R2P was originated to legitimate unlawful foreign interference in developing countries' internal affairs and aggression under the clock of preventing and protecting civilians. The concept [of] humanitarian intervention [by the] international community in the past. The national sovereignty is a sacred and inviolable and a foundation for the international relations. The R2P, which violates the national sovereignties, [only] to justify the interference in internal affairs of the small and weak nations and dominations of tens of them. It includes collective armed intervention as the last resort. When it is used based on political motivation and double standards it is disastrous, as the reality shows us.

Therefore, the DPRK opposes the proposed inclusion of the doctrine R4P in the agenda of the 72 session of the General Assembly.

Thank you.