

Statement from the People's Republic of China
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Thank you Mr. Moderator,

[The] Chinese delegation wishes to thank President Jeremić for convening today's meeting. We support an in depth discussion by the General Assembly on R2P. China wishes to say the following on R2P.

First, [the] 2005 World Summit [Outcome] Document defines R2P extremely cautiously, limiting its scope to strictly four types of international crimes; namely genocide, ethnic cleansing, war crimes and crimes against humanity. All parties should not expand or interpret this concept at will. At present, there are still differences among Member States with regard to the application and implementation of R2P. The United Nations should continue discussion on this concept.

Second, the governments of various countries have the primary responsibility for the protection of their citizens. The international community, when necessary, can provide constructive assistance focusing on capacity building in various countries while strictly abiding by the UN Charter. These principals and purposes, in particular, respect the principal of state sovereignty

Third, there is no uniform criterion or model in carrying out R2P. All countries should choose their own policies and mechanisms in light of their own conditions and needs. Various countries should do more to carry out their R2P. In the early stages of crisis, timely appropriate actions to mediate disputes and settle differences through peaceful means of dialogue and negotiations should be an important part of R2P of various countries. They should also be an important part of international endeavors to prevent serious international crimes.

Fourthly, China has always maintained that disputes should be settled through political means. Military interventions are often productive. Authorizing the use of force to protect civilians should be the last resort after all peaceful means are exhausted and should be dealt with cautiously and on a case by case basis.

China supports discussions at the United Nations to discuss RWP by Brazil.

Thank you Mr. President.