

STATEMENT BY BELARUS AT THE INFORMAL INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE ON
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Thank you,

Belarus supports the focus on the main components of R2P on providing assistance to states.

The question of preventing these crimes and protecting populations is up to the states and non-interference is regulated by the UN charter; and so as a result, providing assistance is very appropriate for the work that is done in the international community.

Discharging the corresponding mandates of organizations [within the] entire UN system including R2P will be helped by [undertaking] constructive work [*sic*] on preventive crimes that come under the concept. In particular, the reasons and the connection between the monitoring that is done on human rights and the special reporters and the other bodies that deal with genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity, that coordination is a consistent action in nature.

And this structure has its own challenges, its own abilities to act in implementing treaties having to do with genocide and other crimes.

Using 43A of the report, the thesis having to do with international assistance is somewhat contentious in the context of general discussion of the so-called framed assistance or conditional assistance. There is no doubt that [stopping] external assistance to countries is absurd, especially the approach, since we need an assessment on the ground; but we are interested in specific obstacles that would stop the most terrible crimes.

Although these are important themes and must be the basis of an assessment, we need to take into account the wider range of social and economic conditions.

And in conclusion we would like to note that it would be desirable for the UN Secretariat Legal Service to develop a report. This question needs to be interpreted and studied in depth and the terms used have to be coordinated appropriately.

Thank you.