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**Statement by H.E. Andrej Logar,  
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Slovenia to the UN**  
*at an informal interactive dialogue of the General Assembly on the Report of the  
Secretary-General on the responsibility of protect*

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— Mr. Chairman,

Thank you for convening this informal interactive dialogue and the Secretary General for his comprehensive report, which clearly shows the progress R2P has made since its formal recognition in 2005.

Slovenia aligns itself with the statement made by the European Union and with the statement of the Kingdom of Netherlands on behalf of Group of Friends of the R2P.

This year we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the United Nations Charter, where member states among others expressed their sincere determination to protect generations from ever witnessing the horrors of war, reaffirmed faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and also expressed willingness to unite their strength to maintain international peace and security.

Ten years ago, also following the tragic events in Rwanda and Srebrenica, we the members states again recognized the need to further strengthen our efforts to prevent atrocity crimes, in which States have the primary responsibility but the international community should and must provide assistance if needed. This should not be understood as contrary to the principle of sovereignty but rather as the implication of the accepted principle of cooperation among equally sovereign states.

Mr. Chairman, to conclude,

Slovenia has been and will remain a strong advocate of R2P and the wider promotion and protection of human rights. This year we hosted the international conference "Rights for Peace" focusing on human rights perspectives of the R2P and just recently addressed human rights issues at several panels at the annual international conference Bled Strategic Forum, including strengthening the fight against impunity as well as ending sexual violence in conflict.

We continue to support the work of the Secretary General and his team regarding the Human Rights Up Front Initiative and to the Special Advisers on the Prevention of Genocide and R2P and welcome their continuous work of mainstreaming R2P within the UN Secretariat.

Faced with the rapidly changing global environment in the past decade and visual images of the resultant suffering, the time has come to once more firmly recommit to our responsibility and obligation to prevent and protect the safety and lives of all. Therefore on the tenth anniversary of the 2005 World Summit we again express our support for the adoption of a resolution by the UN General Assembly that will reaffirm and strengthen its commitments of the 2005 World Summit Outcome Document and the consistent and effective implementation of R2P. The time has also come to include the R2P debate in the formal agenda of the UNGA, especially with the focus on how best to operationalize R2P.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.