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- We join previous speakers in thanking you, Mr. President, for convening this interactive dialogue on a topic that has gained a sound public and political acknowledgement and commend Secretary-General for his continuous efforts in deepening and enhancing the Responsibility to Protect as an operational doctrine.
- Looking forward to the future of Responsibility to Protect, Armenia has carefully referenced the Secretary-General's most recent report on the Role of regional and sub-regional arrangements in implementing the responsibility to protect. We echo the Secretary-General's appraisals, which identify the contributions of the regional and/or sub-regional arrangements as full partners of the United Nations and share his concern that we are still far away in fully realizing the potential synergies of global-regional-sub-regional cooperation in preventing genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity, as well as their incitement, in protecting populations.
- As it was rightly stated by Secretary-General in pillar 2 of his report, regional and sub-regional arrangements can play a critical role in helping to assure the accurate and timely flow of information and analysis from the country level to global decision-makers. They can develop the early warning systems that could be helpful in identifying such danger signs as large-scale war propaganda campaign, dissemination of racial hatred and prejudice, hate speeches voiced at various levels, and, in some cases, even calls for military solutions. As we know, those mentioned were components of the plans for genocides and large-scale massacres of the last century.
- Therefore, we strongly support the bottom-up learning processes as well as training, learning, and in-country education programmes, as natural areas for new regional initiatives and global-regional-national partnerships in order to prevent possible eruption of the conflicts.
- And, yes, here we echo Professor Bartolli regarding his thesis on the importance and necessity of collective learning. We believe, that participating in such a collective, interactive learning can be instrumental in confidence- and security building, in overcoming suspicions and enmity and paving road to the lasting peace.

- I thank you, Mr.President.