

Statement of Azerbaijan– Informal Interactive Dialogue on R2P, 6 September 2016

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Mr. Moderator, we thank the President of the General Assembly for convening this interactive dialogue.

We took note of the report of the Secretary-General. Over ten years ago, world leaders committed themselves to protect their populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity. However, armed conflicts which are often accompanied with mass atrocities against civilians are on the rise all around the world. We are extremely concerned by the alarming increase in internally displaced persons worldwide and support all efforts to reflect on effective strategies to prevent and undo such displacement.

What is urgent is tackling the root cause of armed conflict. In this regard, the international community should unequivocally condemn the occupation and aggression committed against member states and firmly respect their sovereignty and territorial integrity. All parties to conflict should respect international humanitarian and human rights law, combat impunity, enhance accountability, and strengthen their national ownership in ensuring the protection of a population.

Today we heard a lot of the role of the Security Council in the context of the responsibility to protect. It's implementation for all Security Council resolutions is especially crucial to this end. However, we still observe the total disregard of some Security Council resolutions. In this regard, we once again reiterate our answer that resolutions concerning aggression against Azerbaijan still remain unfulfilled. Such a situation clearly damages the credibility of this high body. The report also referred to the erosion of the credibility of institutions, such as the United Nations and regional organizations.

To conclude, it is clear that more effort is required to build consensus around the responsibility to protect. We believe this concept should never be used to advance political objectives. Further, related initiatives and efforts, some which are reflected in the report, need to be thoroughly discussed by all the membership.

I thank you.