

General Assembly Debate Statement: Belgium

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To be brief, I will focus on two aspects that is operationalization of the concept of RtoP in that regard. First of all, my delegation believes the role of the Peacebuilding Commission – the peacebuilding role as a preventive role has been underestimated in the debate on RtoP. The primary objective of peacebuilding is to avoid falling back into conflict in a post-conflict situation. Thus peace-building should enter into the context as the Security Council has a mandate for this and a special advisor, and can put this issue on the agenda of the Peacebuilding Commission at an early stage in intervention by the international community.

Belgium is convinced that in the countries on the peacebuilding agenda – here an early warning mechanism could play a role in detecting and highlighting possible resurgence of a conflict and could report this to the Security Council. The first question I would like to ask the panel is – do they consider the potential of Peacebuilding Commission in this area of operationalization of RtoP?

My second point concerns the international organizational technical responsible for communication of information. The monitoring and reporting mechanism is one of the instruments piloted by Security Council group on children in armed conflict and this provides for an early warning mechanism with a preventive aspect. These are the two elements, on the one hand the potential role the Peacebuilding Commission can play. On the other is the mechanism, which exists for monitoring and reporting.