

**Statement delivered by the Delegation of Japan to the United Nations, at the United Nations General Assembly Thematic Panel Discussion "From commitment to implementation: Ten years of the Responsibility to Protect," convened by the President of the General Assembly [Unofficial Transcription]**

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Japan aligns itself with the statement made by [Rwanda] on behalf of the [Group of Friends](#).

Since the adoption of the World Summit Outcome in 2005 the General Assembly has been discussing this issues for over a decade, including six annual informal interactive dialogues on this issue. Thanks to these discussions, held amongst the member States, the concept of Responsibility to Protect has become clearer.

Sadly, during these ten years, we have failed to prevent many atrocities throughout the world. We are discussing this issue of Responsibility to Protect with the aim to improve the situation on the ground and prevent the atrocities. Therefore, we must start thinking seriously about how we can implement Responsibility to Protect and find practical ways to prevent and end atrocities. In this regard, we welcome the draft resolution on the Responsibility to Protect by the cross-regional group.

Adopting the resolution, indeed, requires intergovernmental negotiation which many of our colleagues desire. Through these discussions we support adopting the resolution in this General Assembly session.