

## **Statement of Kazakhstan – Informal Interactive Dialogue on R2P, 6 September 2016**

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Thank you Mr. Moderator, we welcome the latest report of the Secretary-General on the responsibility to protect and recognize the joint office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect and their Special Advisors who play an important role in enhancing the UN's capacity in the field. We also congratulate Mr. Ivan Simonovic on his appointment as Special Advisor on RtoP.

We believe that prevention by a comprehensive series of diplomatic actions, peacekeeping, conflict prevention and resolution, and intensive investment in development are integral. However, the international community needs to reach agreement on what construes RtoP visive differing views on the right to sovereignty and territorial integrity versus the use of force. Thus, it is necessary, in partial, to create balances between objective and depoliticized decision making in respect to the application of the RtoP pillars and principles and applying them sequentially. If force is used, it should be a last resort measure dually approved by the UN General Assembly and the Security Council.

Kazakhstan, which will soon assume its seat as a non-permanent member of the Security Council for 2017-18, considers it a moral imperative to protect populations from atrocities. We therefore join the code of conduct of the Security Council on crimes against humanity or war crimes. We will take our task more solemnly and seriously to strengthen the Security Council, the General Assembly, the United Nations, and also the role of the Special Advisors of the Secretary-General with the support of member states, international & regional organization and civil society to implement RtoP.

I thank you Mr. Moderator.