

Statement of Papua New Guinea
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Thank You.

We acknowledge the Secretary-General's Fifth Report; we welcome Jennifer Welsh's appointment and reaffirm Papua New Guinea's commitment to the 2005 World Summit Outcome.

We agree with the statement made earlier by the Singapore delegation, calling for the R2P to be applied according to universal agreed upon and applicable principles and that the primacy of the UN system should always be maintained in the application of the R2P, be it through the Security Council or the General Assembly. We further agree with our Malaysian colleague, calling for frank and timely discourse which we're concerned, and heard and addressed.

Moderator,

We agree with the notion that the Responsibility to Protect is the primary responsibility of the State and that this responsibility is derived from every State's claim to sovereignty.

In terms of prevention, we believe that early warning system is important. When properly constructed and effectively used, early warning systems can be used to detect mass atrocity crimes before they become crimes.

Coordination and cooperation, however, with actors within the United Nations system and with civil society is essential to maximize the effectiveness of early warning systems. We say that regional and sub-regional organizations should be reached out to as they can serve as key partners in early warning, as they have the capacity to collect and provide information early in order to help save States and stabilize crisis.

Merely having an early warning system is, of course, not enough but more needs to be done and we call on the UN system to support states who have the Responsibility to Protect.

Lastly, we note that the Secretary-Generals Report also contain examples from other Member States and commend them for sharing their experiences.

Thank You.