

Statement of the Syrian Arab Republic
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Thank you, Mr. Moderator.

First of all, the Responsibility to Protect involves preventing conflicts and using peaceful means to prevent conflicts. This concept can only be applied by respecting the laws and goals established in the UN Charter, including non-interference in the internal affairs of States. The protection of civilians must not be politicized or manipulated or be treated in a proportional selective manner ensuring that it be an intervention tool of certain States.

The Secretary-General's Report neglects crimes: the odious, hideous crimes committed by [external forces], violations of human rights carried out by external forces when they carry out an intervention in a country on the pretext of protecting civilians. We are all well aware of the repercussions of this. We deplore the fact that the Secretary-General has included in his report conclusions that do not reflect the reality in Syria.

We would like to thank those delegations who expressed their sincere compassion for Syria. We insist on the fact that selectiveness regarding the events highlighted in Syria and the manipulation of the Syrian peoples suffering to create a pretext for intervention runs completely counter to the UN Charter and thus, this is an unacceptable pretext.

We insist on the fact that support for Syria is clear. This support should constitute finding a peaceful solution to the Syrian crisis [with] the withdrawal of mercenaries and foreign extremists who are in Syria. It also involves using all efforts to ensure that the Geneva Conference be organized and to promote dialogue between Syrians. This will enable Syrians to express their desire, their own resolve and to make their own future through the electoral process away from any external agenda.

Thank You.