

Statement delivered on behalf of the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations

General Assembly informal, interactive dialogue on the “Responsibility to Protect: Timely and Decisive Response”

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Facilitator,

I thank you for holding this interactive dialogue on the Responsibility to Protect pursuant to the General Assembly resolution. I would also like to thank the Secretary-General for his report in document A/66/874 which comprises very important information of efforts of the international community to strengthen the strategy on R2P. The international community has made progress in developing this concept including the consensus which the heads of state and government reached at the 2005 Summit with a view to adopting suitable measures. But today unfortunately we are seeing grave acts of genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity in the various corners of the world where there are armed conflicts.

The Emirates believe that the responsibility to protect citizens against those four crimes is a responsibility first and foremost of the state experiencing such crises and that is why those states must shoulder their responsibilities but the intervention of states to protect citizens should only that is armed intervention should only take place in certain circumstances when states have clearly violated their Responsibility to Protect when there is evidence of that effect contrary to the UN Charter and relevant international law. And to that extent we support the efforts proposed by the Secretary-General.