

### EU Comitted to the concept of Responsibility to Protect

The EU priorities, with regard to peace and security, sustainable development and human rights, for the 64th session of the United Nations General Assembly approved by the Council of the EU on 15 June (2950th Council meeting, General Affairs and External Relations, Luxembourg, 15 June 2009[1]) where, among others, the EU stated that it “is committed to the concept of the **responsibility to protect** populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity as agreed at the 2005 UN World Summit” and “fully supports the UN Secretary General’s efforts to implement the

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within the UN and welcomes his report and the balanced three-pillar strategy he sets out.” and “is determined to make the concept operational and in particular stresses its preventive importance.” (para. 8)

Moreover, the EU agreed that “the fight against the scourges of violence against women and children must be given the utmost attention” and “underlines the need to implement the UNSCR 1325, 1820 and 1612.” (para. 20)

As regard as International Justice, the EU agreed that “Ending impunity for the most serious international crimes must remain on the agenda” and that “Sustainable peace will not be achieved without justice.”

In addition, “the EU remains committed to supporting the International Criminal Court (ICC) as well as to promoting the universality and integrity of the Rome Statute.” (...)

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