

## EU priorities for the 65th United Nations General Assembly

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*The Council of the European Union has released a document, drafted by the Working Party on United Nations Affairs and endorsed by the Political and Security Committee, that outlines the priorities of the European Union (EU) for the 65<sup>th</sup> United Nations (UN) General Assembly. The operationalization of the **Responsibility to Protect** (RtoP) is listed as a priority under the heading of “International Peace and Security”.*

*Referencing the [2005 World Summit Outcome Document](#), the [2009 General Assembly Debate](#), and Secretary General Ban Ki-moon’s report on [Implementing the Responsibility to Protect](#), the EU states that RtoP is “not open for renegotiation.”*

(...) The EU will strive for the operationalization of the concept of Responsibility to Protect (“R2P”) as agreed in Para. 138, 139 and 140 of the World Summit 2005 Outcome Document and in the General Debate held in the General Assembly in July 2009, on the basis that the concept is not open for renegotiation. The EU will apply a “narrow but deep approach” to R2P-related policies and will particularly focus on its preventive pillar. The mainstreaming of the Protection of Civilians, not only by improving the implementation of protection mandates of UN peacekeeping operations, but also in a comprehensive manner (i.e.: by strengthening the Rule of Law, by enhancing compliance, by ensuring accountability and by improving the provision of information and reporting to the UNSC), will be also an important EU priority.(...)

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