

Welcome to the opening of the general debate of the 63rd session of the General Assembly. It is customary for the Secretary-General, on this occasion, to assess the state of the world and to present our vision for the coming year.()

[Unofficial translation from French into English]: I am thinking, above all, about human rights. We absolutely must give life to the principle according to which justice is seen as a pillar of peace, security and development. We must put the **Responsibility to Protect** into effect. We understand that in these areas, all is not black or white. We admit that policies may be very complex and require continuing compromises. However, crimes against humanity cannot go unpunished. We have the means to combat impunity. And so we must do so. ()

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