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QUESTION

II. US House of Representatives debate on challenges facing UN Peacekeeping operations

1. CHAIRMAN BERMAN'S OPENING REMARKS AT HEARING, "NEW CHALLENGES FOR INTER"
2. WRITTEN TESTIMONY SUBMITTED BY AMBASSADOR SUSAN RICE TO THE HOUSE FORE
3. BRIEFING ON "THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT: IMPLICATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL
4. VOICE OF AMERICA: UN AMBASSADOR SAYS US COMMITTED TO PEACEKEEPING

1. U.S. Backs Implementing Latin Doctrine Against the World Street Journal 30 July 2009

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB124890587995691589.html>

<http://www.elimparcial.es/mundo/la-responsabilidad-de-proteger-en-la-conciencia-de-la-onu-44687.html>

The Times of India
25 July 2009

India, which is seeking a permanent membership in an

(...) "Even a cursory examination of reasons for non-action by the UN, especially the Security C

The key aspect is to address the issue of "willingness to act," he said. "Here, of course a nece

Referring to the discussion that has been going on in the UN General Assembly, Puri said: "We

In this context, he said responsibility to protect should in no way provide a pretext for humanita

"... Perhaps finalisation and adoption of the definition of aggression under the Rome Statute w

Despite, all the safeguards and obligations, Puri regretted the international community has in the
[atimes.com/NEWS/India/UN-bodies-should-reflect-contemporary-realities-India/articleshow/4818869.cms](http://times.com/NEWS/India/UN-bodies-should-reflect-contemporary-realities-India/articleshow/4818869.cms)

The stage for Thursday's debate was set early when Edward Luck, special advisor to the Secre

"What we do not need at this point, however, are efforts to turn back the clock to divide the me

After an informal morning session, there was further discussion of the R-to-P issue by a panel

"Take the case that I mentioned about the World Food Program cutting back its funding It was

Garth Evans, co-chair of the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty, s

"It's very important that we must refine and define and narrow the scope of this enterprise so t

The debate continues, the speeches go on. Will people help people? What are the boundaries
[om/english/2009-07-24-voa39.cfm](http://www.voa.com/english/2009-07-24-voa39.cfm)
<http://blogs.reuters.com/global/2009/07/24/saviors-or-conquerors-un-mulls-responsibility-to-protect/>

El balance trágico del siglo pasado refuerza la responsabilidad de proteger a las personas. En la soberanía responsable no cabe ambigüedad alguna sobre la obligación del Estado de proteger a su población. Hay quienes dicen que la RdP es la misma historia que la intervención humanitaria pero con otros ateneos. Pese a la variedad de opciones, no han faltado voces que alegan que la RdP es la vía rápida para la intervención. Aunque la RdP fue adoptada por unanimidad, hay quienes concluyen que se trata de una agenda impulsada por intereses. Quienes se oponen a la RdP deberían preguntarse si cientos de miles de víctimas en el pasado podrían haber sido evitadas. La RdP pretende proporcionar la capacidad institucional para responder a tiempo. Se trata de un principio que debe ser respetado. Si la RdP es la expresión del deseo de respetar y proteger la dignidad humana, no debe extrañarnos la falta de voluntad política.

Source: http://www.elpais.com/articulo/opinion/responsabilidad/proteger/elpepiopi/20090724elpepiopi_5/Tes

7. Chinese diplomat: implementing "responsibility to protect" must not contravene state sovereignty
Xinhuanet
24 July 2009

The implementation of the concept of "responsibility to protect" must not contravene state sovereignty
http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-07/25/content_11769124.htm
<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=31562&Cr=right+to+protect&Cr1=responsibility>

An idealistic effort to establish a new humanitarian principle is not enough.

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18 . Ban Ki Moon and R2P Foreign Policy in Focus Ian Williams

3 August

<http://www.fpif.org/fpiftxt/6320>

19. The State's Duty to Enforce George N. Anders 10 August 2009

<http://www.americamagazine.org/content/signs.cfm?signid=182>

(...)The demand for resources often exceeds the supply provided by the international community.

At a time when peacekeepers are increasingly deployed in complex and unstable situations, and

The United States has taken some important steps to address the lack of capacity and resources

(...)One of the ~~the responsibility to protect~~ the responsibility to protect peacekeeping system is its ability to protect civilian

This concept, endorsed by the UN Security Council in 2006, holds that states have a responsibility

Should they fail to do so, the international community has a responsibility to step in and protect

But strong words have not always been matched by strong actions.

Since 1999, when a UN peacekeeping operation was established in the Eastern Congo, over 5
And in conflict zones from Congo to Bosnia to Darfur, peacekeepers have been unable to prevent
How can we equip the United Nations to more effectively protect civilians and prevent mass atroci-
What can the United States do at the Security Council to discourage or overcome political foot-drag-
What is our strategy for making sure that women form a critical mass of peacekeepers and peace-
And finally, the key question: Is the international peacekeeping system, as it is conceived today, the
Or do we need to develop an entirely new model for our increasingly complex world?

We thank Ambassador Rice and our other panelists for being here today to share their insights.
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<http://www.voanews.com/english/2009-07-29-voa59.cfm>
3. Briefing on “The Responsibility to Protect”