

Second Open Debate on the Protection of Civilians: 4 December 2006 The second debate on the protection of civilians in armed conflict took place on 4 December 2006. Mr. Jan Egeland reminded member states of their pledge to accept the responsibility to protect civilian populations. He remarked that this pledge is still far away from being translated into predictable and adequate action to provide for the protection of threatened communities. He insisted that the responsibility to protect must be de-politicized, that it must become a truly shared interest and must then translate into joint action by all members of the Council and the UN.

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