

Policy Forum -- The Responsibility to Protect Human Rights and Human Welfare

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1. Introduction

The Responsibility to Protect Policy Forum
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() Even given the ratification by all Member States, tremendous debate continues at the UN and in the international community over the **R2P** paragraphs 138 and 139 in the World Summit Outcome Document. One of the key debates centers on when a situation is a case of humanitarian intervention and when one should invoke

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should only be invoked when genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity occur. A case in point is the debate that arose last year in response to the situation in Burma. In January 2009, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon released a new report, Implementing the Responsibility to Protect, in an effort to advance deliberations and move the paragraphs from concept to application. A statement by US Ambassador to the UN, Susan Rice, sent an early signal of potentially greater US support of the concept and its implementation. ().

Introduction: <http://www.du.edu/korbel/hrhw/booknotes/2009/gockel-2009.html>