

Statement of Qatar – Informal Interactive Dialogue on R2P, 8 September 2015

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Thank you mister moderator.

I'd like to express to you my thanks for holding this session and to thank the Secretary General, and join the representative of the Netherlands on behalf of the Group of Friends of the principle of the right to protect.

This meeting is extremely important because it coincides with the 10th anniversary of the outcome document of the United Nations in 2005 from the World Summit, where the nations of the world committed to gather together to protect civilians in paragraphs 138 and 139 to protect communities from crimes of war, genocides, and ethnic cleansing, which lead to extremism and terrorism.

In our case, we have always respected the rule of law, and the conventions of those bodies to which we are party. It is important to prevent atrocity crimes and that is why we have applied the 2005 outcome document according to cooperation with states and with NGOs who are active in this regard. Therefore, Qatar joins the friends of the right to protect and the Responsibility to Protect and active international mechanisms to protect civilians according to the Charter. We have also established a high level Focal Point concerning the Responsibility to Protect to engage national mechanisms to prevent these atrocities and to participate in the network of contacts in this program.

My delegation bases itself in the principle that these atrocity crimes are an integral part of collective security in which the international community should participate. Therefore, the principle of the Responsibility to Protect should provide a framework for protecting civilians and for strengthening the rule of the state and the international community.

Based on the principles of the Charter, and its chapters VI, VII, and VIII, the fact that the international community condemned atrocity crimes in various regions of the world means that we must simply repeat that crimes against Syria and the portions [inaudible] needed to apply the provisions of international conventions against such crimes is of prime importance. There must be an immediate response and the perpetrators must be brought to justice. Therefore, the principle of protection should move forward according to the procedures which we need.

Thank you.