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Report of the Secretary-General on the Responsibility to Protect

Statement by Romania

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From the point of view of our objective – the operationalization of the responsibility to protect – in the past decade the Secretary General has had the difficult but essential task of fostering the global consensus, a shared understanding which is a pre-requisite for giving our commitment structure and concrete elements.

Today's dialogue is part of this continued effort and Romania would like to commend the Secretary General and his team, in particular the special adviser on the responsibility to protect for the important work carried out.

The Report itself and the interventions made today both highlight the many facets and many challenges that lie ahead in the process of advancing the operationalization of the responsibility to protect.

A particular challenge, in Romania's view, is the fight against impunity. In line with the principles outlined in the Report and its recommendations, deepening the partnership with relevant actors, in particular the International Criminal Court, supporting it in order to achieve the tasks it was set up for and deliver on its essential mission remain important topics on our agenda. The principle of positive complementarity is an important guideline for assisting states in building their national capacity at judicial and law enforcement level.

Respecting the rights and needs of victims, ensuring their access to justice and remedies is a field where national, regional and international actors can foster their cooperation, along the lines of encouragement, capacity-building and protection assistance – thus all the forms of assistance that the report identifies as elements of Pillar 2.

Romania is committed to bring its contribution to all these elements, in both regional and international *fora*.

I thank you for your attention.